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President Kelchner prepares for retirement

by Darren A. Meehan
Managing Editor

Last year, Mansfield University President Rod Kelchner signed a contract extension guaranteeing his position through the turn of the century. But now, the man responsible for leading this small town University of yesterday into a multi-media wonderland of tomorrow complete with one of the most technologically advanced facilities of today, wants a new contract.

But it is a contract the University cannot negotiate. No University can, according to Kelchner. He wants something else. He is ready to face the next challenge for himself and wife Joan. "I enjoyed college, but during my senior year, I said, 'I'm ready to leave.' I liked it but enough is enough and I've got to move on."

"My contract is secure. My health is okay. The school is in reasonably good shape. What are the factors? I guess I had senioritis," he concluded.

While many upperclass students on today's campus might share his sentiment, Kelchner's surprise announcement this past summer that he would retire after more than a decade as the University President leaves the campus searching for a replacement and many faculty and students hoping for another Kelchner.

Carol Alexander, Assistant to the Provost of Mansfield University, remembers working with Kelchner for many years since she started in 1972. At the time, Kelchner had already been at the school as an assistant to both the football team and the mens bas-

ketball team as well as Assistant Dean of Men for the University when he

Through the years, he worked up through the ranks of Dean of Student Activities, Dean of Students, Director of Financial Aid and Dean of Development and External Relations before becoming interim President in 1983 and earning the official Presidency in 1984.

Qualifications such as these might explain why his student-centered approach proved the right choice when looking for a President.

Today, he sits in his office on the fifth floor of North Hall, a renovation project he piloted through the planning and watched explode into the huge computer lab/library opened last year.

His term also watched the new fitness and recreation center open with facilities including racquetball courts, basketball courts, volleyball courts and indoor soccer courts as well as a weight room, an aerobics room and locker rooms.

With all these projects fulfilled, he looks to the future with no regrets.

"There are always things you'd like to accomplish. I'd like to have seen some new programs introduced. I would like to have seen the academic facilities plans move quicker. I would like to have seen more renovations like Allen hall but," he says, "I don't have

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photo by McCallus

Pictured above is Mansfield University President Rod Kelchner. Kelchner is preparing for his retirement in May of this year. Kelchner is unsure how he will spend his days after retirement.

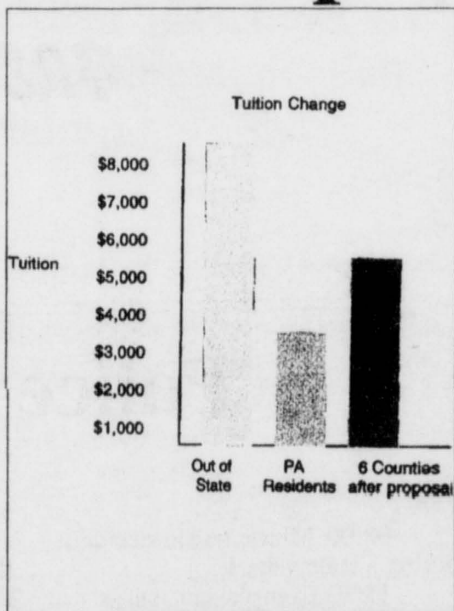
Lower tuition rates proposed for some students

by Krissy Dennis
features editor

Many out of state students at Mansfield University could expect to see a significant decrease in their tuition pending an approval from the office of the Chancellor.

According to Mansfield University President Rod Kelchner, the new proposal, dubbed the 'Good Neighbor Policy', would give MU students from six New York state counties a break in their tuition expenses. Among the selected counties are: Broome, Tioga, Chemung, Steuben, Schuyler, and Tompkins.

The new proposal requests a tuition for residents of the aforementioned counties that is only one and a half



times that of Pennsylvania residents attending MU, Kelchner said.

According to Kelchner, the new proposal is expected to increase the number of students from the outlined areas, and continue the "friendly neighbor" status MU has consistently had with those New York residents.

"Historically Mansfield University has served that region," said Kelchner. "Ever since the school was founded, many students have come from those six counties. When nonresident tuition rose dramatically five or six years ago the number of students from that area declined dramatically."

Dr. Sandra Linck, associate Provost of Mansfield University and director of Graduate studies, feels the tuition decrease will benefit MU as well as the out of state students.

"It contributes to diversity," said Linck, referring to the students who attend MU from larger cities in New York. "It contributes to the overall enrollment number and that is good for MU."

"We think of the whole area as an MU service region," said Linck. "Our region is on two sides of the line. We have always had the tradition of ignoring the line because they are so close."

According to Kelchner tuition cuts for students in certain areas is nothing new.

"The concept of different tuition for people in adjacent areas is not unique," said Kelchner. "Nineteen states have something like a good neighbor

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New police chief, station for Mansfield University

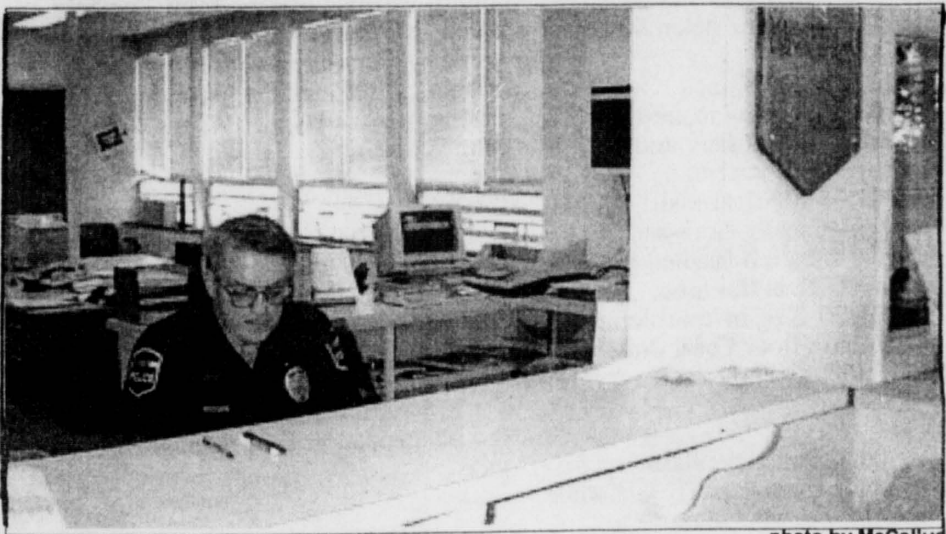


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An MU officer of the law inside the new campus police building.

Joey West
staff reporter

The search for the new director of University Police as well as a new police station is over.

Recently, Mansfield University president Rod Kelchner announced the appointment of Christine Shegan to occupy the position.

The new police station is located at the Doane building.

According to Scott Miller of the MU public relations office, Shegan will be taking over for Karen P. Collier, who resigned to move to another state last spring.

One campus topic that Shegan will keep an eye on is parking.

"That's pretty much a continuous process," Shegan said, adding that

parking tickets are "not to generate revenue, but for control."

Furthermore, Shegan said if anybody has any trouble at all, they should contact the office at x 4900.

"If they have a concern...they need to tell me, they need to tell us," Shegan said.

When Shegan says "us", she is referring to the 10 full time commissioned police officers who are protecting MU's 2'900 students, 400 employees and countless daily visitors.

According to MU human resources, starting salary for an MU police chief is \$42,345.05.

Before coming to MU, Shegan was with the Indiana University of Pennsylvania police force as a corporal in that schools crime prevention and education unit. Previously, she was a police officer with IUP since 1984.

Campus Voices

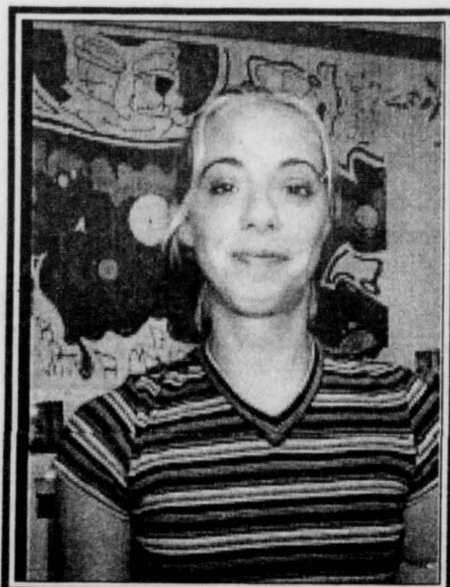
"Why did you choose to come to Mansfield University?"

by Brent McCallus



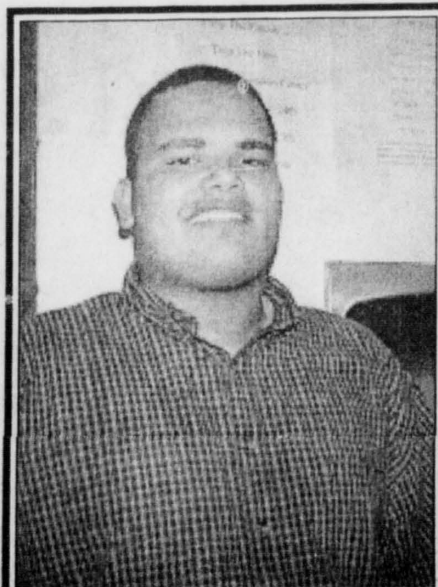
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Freshman

"The reputation of the music program"



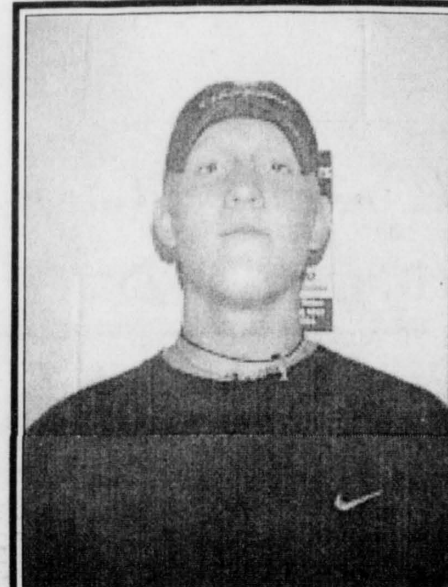
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Freshman

"Because of the diving coach, but she quit"



Tyson Figueroa
Freshman

"Best criminal justice program for the best amount of money"



Will Lahr
Freshman

"The communication program looked pretty good"

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any regrets."

While Kelchner has nothing to be ashamed of, he recognizes not every battle ended in victory. Student enrollment over the years plagued Kelchner, forcing him to confront and review recruitment procedures. At various student discussion groups, Kelchner begs students for suggestions on how to raise enrollment. Now, as he faces the inevitable future and his time wanes, he looks slightly downtrodden when discussion this issue.

His eyebrows dip in frustration and his face frowns. It is the look of a desperate man who spent his life working toward a goal and can't figure how to reach it.

"I understand to a certain extent why enrollment has lagged but, on the other hand, I don't understand it. I'm

still very frustrated about enrollment," he said. "But even enrollment... I don't have any regrets."

Of the thousands of students he has met on a one-on-one basis, there are a few who slip through the cracks. Christian White, an MU sophomore, says he never met Kelchner but understands why.

"To be honest, I never met him personally, but I always see him coming and going and talking to students and everybody," White said. "From what everyone says, I'm one of the only people that haven't met him."

While many people in the campus community continue hoping he might reconsider, Kelchner's decision became official in June when he formally submitted his retirement to the Chancellor and informed the Mansfield University Board of Trustees.

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policy."

Some of those states include Ohio, Virginia, Alabama, New Hampshire, and Arizona. Ohio schools have adopted similar plans for students from the North Western Pennsylvania

and Erie regions, said Kelchner.

The proposal, which was submitted to the Chancellors office in May, must also be approved by the Board of Governors.

"Sometime this calendar year we will get some indication whether or not this is feasible."

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Police Beat

08/25/97

08:00 Minor traffic accident involving a state vehicle

11:30 Complainant states unknown person(s) smashed the rear window of her vehicle in unknown manner.

08/27/97

14:20 Lost or stolen decal

08/28/97

08:10 Student injured in 8/27/97 and taken to Soldiers and Sailors Hospital by Maple RA.

01:05 Medical assist- intoxicated and emotionally distressed female. GA advised situation handled by M.B. Englestone ADRL at this time.

01:20 Fire or trouble alarm. Fire alarm sixth floor Cedar crest laundry room clothes overheated in dryer.

08/30/97

06:57 Pulled fire alarm box first floor by study room (north). Unknown

subject(s) pulled box.

07:30 Backed up boro police department with domestic, adjusted at this time.

09/01/97

19:50 Complainant observed a trail of gasoline leaking from a vehicle parked in front of Hemlock dorm. Arrived on scene and observed steady stream of gas leaking. Fire dept. dispatched to absorb spill, Eddie's Wrecker removed vehicle.

09/03/97

11:05 Vehicle towed T lot, blocking driveway to practice field, maintenance needing access to field ASAP.

09/04/97

10:05 Minor MVA/Steadman lot, unattended vehicle damage, no injury

MU, local fraternity mourn death of Alumnus

by **Darren A. Meehan**
Managing Editor

Carmen Scicchitano, 1997 Mansfield University graduate and brother with a local fraternity, died Wednesday in his sleep, according to Michael Kint, President of Sigma Tau Gamma.

According to Kint, Scicchitano graduated only one month ago with a degree in Business Administration. He turned 25 years old August 10. Although he died in his home-

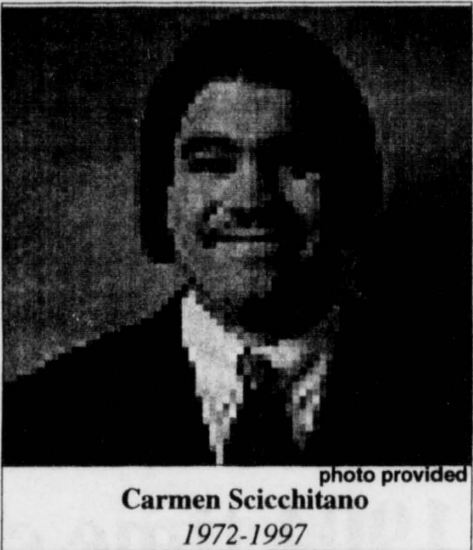
town of Prospect Park, he lived in Mansfield before graduating. He pledged ΣΤΓ in the Spring of 1994.

Further details will be available in next week's Flashlight, but, at press time, few details were available and funeral arrangements were unknown.

The Flashlight would like to express our condolences to the brothers at STG and to all those who knew Mr. Scicchitano. ΣΤΓ released this statement Thursday night:

In memory of Carmen Scicchitano who was loved deeply by all his friends and brothers at Sig Tau. He was a great person to all he came upon. He will always be loved in all our hearts.

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Former student named Director of Admissions



photo by Angela Page
Brian Barden, Mansfield University's new Director of Admissions, replaces John Applenap, who will head the Department of Experimental Learning Experiences.

by **Joey West**
staff reporter

According to Scott Miller of the MU public relations office, Brian Barden, interim director of admissions since fall 1995, was chosen from a field of several candidates from around the country.

John Applenap became Director of the University External Learning Experiences after he, "asked to be moved", said Mary Stroud, secretary for the Provost.

Barden said that his goal for himself and the university is to provide assistance to the region.

"Our goal is to service the region," he continued, "we are a regional college."

According to MU public relations office, Barden earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education at Mansfield in 1976 and completed his masters at

Mansfield in 1982. He previously taught at Warren L. Miller Elementary School in Mansfield, was an administrator at the New Covenant Academy, and was day care director for the Elmira Psychiatric Center.

He began his career at MU in fall 1989 as an admissions counselor. He served the university as coordinator of transfer and articulation and was involved in the state articulation process.

He was instrumental in developing several articulation agreements with community colleges.

Responsibilities of the director include managing admissions staff and handling all aspects of admissions of students. Included in the admissions department is Financial Planning and Veterans Affairs, whose director is Christopher Vaughn.

Barden will report to the provost and work closely with Rod Kelchner, MU president.

University students pampered with new express service

Mountie Express offered to MU students by Endless Mountains Transportation Authority

Weekday Afternoon Downtown Shuttle Schedule for the Mansfield University campus and surrounding areas: (Note: Some times are missing for clarity, the shuttle stops at all listed stops.)

Shuttle Stop Location								
Parking Lot C	1:00 PM	1:45 PM	2:30 PM	3:15 PM	4:00 PM	4:45 PM	5:30 PM	6:15 PM
Cedar Crest Hall								
Maple Hall								
Manser Hall	1:02 PM	1:47 PM	2:32 PM	3:17 PM	4:02 PM	4:47 PM	5:32 PM	6:17 PM
College Ave. & South Academy								
Simon B. Elliott Hall	1:03 PM	1:48 PM	2:33 PM	3:18 PM	4:03 PM	4:48 PM	5:33 PM	6:18 PM
Straughn Dr. & Swan St.								
Downtown - Tri-County Parking lot	1:06 PM	1:51 PM	2:36 PM	3:21 PM	4:06 PM	4:51 PM	5:36 PM	6:21 PM
Bi-Low Shopping Plaza	1:07 PM	1:52 PM	2:37 PM	3:22 PM	4:07 PM	4:52 PM	5:37 PM	6:22 PM
Central St. & North Main								
Mansfield Motel	1:10 PM	1:55 PM	2:40 PM	3:25 PM	4:10 PM	4:55 PM	5:40 PM	6:25 PM
Maple Lanes	1:11 PM	1:56 PM	2:41 PM	3:26 PM	4:11 PM	4:56 PM	5:41 PM	6:26 PM
Wal-Mart Park & Ride	1:14 PM	1:59 PM	2:44 PM	3:29 PM	4:14 PM	4:59 PM	5:44 PM	6:29 PM
Arby's	1:17 PM	2:02 PM	2:47 PM	3:32 PM	4:17 PM	5:02 PM	5:47 PM	6:32 PM
Arby's	1:24 PM	2:09 PM	2:54 PM	3:39 PM	4:24 PM	5:09 PM	5:54 PM	6:39 PM
Chinese Rest.	1:28 PM	2:13 PM	2:58 PM	3:43 PM	4:28 PM	5:13 PM	5:58 PM	6:43 PM
First Citizens Parking	1:30 PM	2:15 PM	3:00 PM	3:45 PM	4:30 PM	5:15 PM	6:00 PM	6:45 PM
Downtown - Tri-County Parking lot	1:31 PM	2:16 PM	3:01 PM	3:46 PM	4:31 PM	5:16 PM	6:01 PM	6:46 PM
Bi-Low Shopping Plaza	1:33 PM	2:18 PM	3:03 PM	3:48 PM	4:33 PM	5:18 PM	6:03 PM	6:48 PM
Central St. & North Main	1:34 PM	2:19 PM	3:04 PM	3:49 PM	4:34 PM	5:19 PM	6:04 PM	6:49 PM
Simon B. Elliott Hall	1:35 PM	2:20 PM	3:05 PM	3:50 PM	4:35 PM	5:20 PM	6:05 PM	6:50 PM
College Ave. & South Academy								
Manser Hall	1:36 PM	2:21 PM	3:06 PM	3:51 PM	4:36 PM	5:21 PM	6:06 PM	6:51 PM
Maple Hall								
Cedar Crest Hall								
Parking Lot C	1:38 PM	2:23 PM	3:08 PM	3:53 PM	4:38 PM	5:23 PM	6:08 PM	6:53 PM



photo by Tom Jones

A photo of the Mountie Express bus that provides busing service to the students of Mansfield University.

According to MU president Rod Kelchner, besides providing routes on campus to the students the bus also has routes to Wellsboro, Wal-Mart, the downtown area, and the Arnot Mall.

The bus is currently being paid for by state funds to the University but only for the fall semester Kelchner said.

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Pennsylvania in the News

1904 time capsule lost

HARRISBURG (AP) — The clues are scant.

Up the front steps of the Pennsylvania Capitol. Just outside the bronze doors that open to the clay tile-and-marble rotunda, with a soaring dome modeled on St. Peter's in Rome. Stop. Turn left.

Or was that to the right?

Hidden from sightseers, amid blocks of Vermont granite and tucked neatly near a statue by the Capitol's massive doors, is a copper box containing historic treasures from the state's past.

But even state historians admit they don't know — exactly — where Gov. Samuel W. Pennypacker hid the box in 1904, when he placed the commemorative "time capsule" inside a granite block.

"It's around here somewhere," said Ruthann Hubbert-Kemper, director of the Capitol Restoration Committee, "from what we were told."

Architect Joseph Huston of Philadelphia kept sketches and blueprints of the building, constructed to replace the Capitol that burned to the ground in 1897. But only "bits and pieces" of the architect's drawings remain, Ms. Hubbert-Kemper said.

The stone is unmarked, laid by the hands of Pennypacker and Huston. Inside it is the copper box, which was hermetically sealed to preserve the contents from the elements in the decades that followed.

What remains of the treasures inside is unclear, and open to speculation.

"With all the moisture and water, we just don't know," Ms. Hubbert-Kemper said. "We would have no way of knowing, not unless the building burns down" and the box is removed and opened, she said.

Prostitution ring arraigned

HARRISBURG (AP) — Seven women accused of running a \$3 million-a-year prostitution ring have been ordered held for trial, but not on felony corruption charges.

The women, scheduled to enter pleas Sept. 25, are charged with promoting prostitution, criminal conspiracy and prostitution. District Justice Roy C. Bridges dismissed felony corruption charges during Thursday's preliminary hearing.

Prosecutors said Marcia Welsh, 58, of Mechanicsburg, operated six massage parlors in Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin and York counties. The six other defendants each managed one of the parlors.

Three former employees who are not charged told similar stories Thursday about the massage parlors, which advertised in the Yellow Pages boasting 25 years of business.

Former general manager Mary Mazza said male clients paid about \$50 for a

half-hour massage from a nude female attendant and paid more for additional sexual services. Clients typically spent about \$150 to \$200, including a \$50 tip.

The business allowed employees to perform any sexual act, except intercourse and oral sex, Ms. Mazza said. Women who violated the sexual policy were disciplined but not necessarily fired.

Ms. Mazza said she was hired after answering an ad to work as a health club attendant. She and the two other employees testified that after a week of giving massages, attendants were told the job also required sexual services for the customers.

Ms. Mazza said she sometimes earned more than \$100,000 a month — a comment that brought snickers from the seven defendants.

Besides Ms. Welsh, the six other defendants are Bonita Eshelman, 49, of York Haven; Ruth Lonsinger, 45, of

There are no plans to ever remove the box, which contains William Penn's "No Cross No Crown" religious tolerance tract, 13 U.S. postage stamps, coins minted in 1904, a Louisiana Purchase Exposition gold dollar and scads of government reports.

Also included were several newspapers dated May 4, 1904. Not surprisingly, said Pennsylvania historian Paul Beers, Pennypacker did not include in the capsule copies of newspapers that had criticized his administration.

It is highly unlikely that the newspapers and stamps are intact, and there are no efforts currently to preserve the capsule by the state.

"People just don't get into cornerstones," Ms. Hubbert-Kemper said. "It's more of a symbolic thing."

The tradition of placing time capsules at the Pennsylvania Capitol goes back to 1819, when the first statehouse in Harrisburg was built of red brick. The first capsule, laid in a cornerstone that year by Gov. William Findlay, was a glass bottle with a cork.

But the event was marred by bad luck, according to newspaper reports. Findlay broke the trowel while he was laying mortar on the cornerstone, and the incident was said to put a curse on the new Capitol, Beers said.

The building burned down in 1897 after a fire started in the lieutenant governor's office, according to reports of the time.

Later that year, the Department of State ordered the bottle be extracted from the cornerstone and the contents removed.

What workers found was a large, black glass bottle, which later was cracked accidentally by one of Gov. Daniel Hastings' staff.

Gov. Ridge "shuffles" citizen advisory panel

HARRISBURG (AP) — Gov. Tom Ridge has quietly reshuffled a citizen advisory panel that publicly derided his plan to overhaul programs for disabled tots, drawing charges that he placed politics ahead of families' interests.

"I learned that when you come to town to speak for parents, you get smushed," said Courtney Donovan, who chaired the original State Interagency Coordinating Council.

At issue is the administration's plan to expand early intervention services for young children with physical and mental disabilities at home, day-care centers and elsewhere in their "natural environment."

Critics say the change will cut funding and force closure of special treatment centers, where they say children receive more specialized care.

The Welfare Department is seeking a federal waiver governing \$7 million to \$15 million over a three-year period in Medicaid funds to finance its plan. That is in addition to nearly \$59 million a year in other federal and state funds for such programs.

In public hearings held in early 1996, the former council took testimony from hundreds of parents, providers and advocates who opposed the idea.

But the administration pressed ahead with the proposal. And in its first official action, just weeks after the shakeup, the newly reconstituted council endorsed the change as a step forward for these children.

"My 25 years of experience and education tells me it's better to include children in regular environments," said Paul Stengle, executive director of the Montgomery County ARC, a group for the mentally retarded. His 4-year-old son is in speech therapy.

Members of the original council served without being officially appointed under former Gov. Robert P. Casey and during the first two years of Ridge's adminis-

tration.

Ridge made formal appointments to the panel in July, after a legislative investigatory panel pointed out that was required by state and federal law. He excluded five members who opposed his agenda.

"They do not have a monopoly on good ideas or a monopoly on independent thinking," said Ridge spokesman Tim Reeves, who refused to elaborate.

Donovan charged that the new council is a rubber stamp for Ridge's agenda, in contrast to the freewheeling exchange of ideas that the original group encouraged.

"We had officially voted to not endorse this plan," Donovan said. "Now there's a letter from the new revised (council) that says they approve. If I was a politician or a slimy bureaucrat, I would be sneakier about getting my way, don't you think?"

One of the new members of the council, Marcella Zelinski of DuPont, whose son is deaf and blind, said the criticism is unfair.

"I get concerned on how people's personal opinions can frighten other families and make them worry about this organization," she said. "It's terribly frightening when your child is in need of therapy and someone says he may not have it."

Another member of the present council, Dennis Harken, executive officer of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, said he voted for the proposal because the Welfare Department repeatedly promised that it would not limit parents' options.

Donovan said she and other spurned panelists would continue fighting the change, but she acknowledged it will be more difficult to be heard.

"Collectively, our voice has dried up on a state level. It's the most anti-democratic thing that has occurred in a long time."

Federal welfare money diverted into transportation budget

HARRISBURG (AP) — Change is a funny thing. Some people embrace it with open arms; some face it kicking and screaming.

Welfare-rights advocates are upset and angry that the state has eliminated an additional payment of as much as \$50 a month to help pay the cost of raising children, calling it another example of how the government doesn't care about the state's poorest citizens.

It may not seem like much to the average Joe but for a family of three receiving about \$400 monthly, the extra dollars can mean the difference between living at home or in a shelter, the advocates say.

Welfare officials insist that the money saved — \$18 million a year — will be spent in other areas greatly benefiting all welfare recipients.

"I would be astonished if someone could provide evidence that the (elimination of the) child support pass-through would have such dramatic effects," said Deputy Welfare Secretary Sherri Heller.

A family of three on welfare currently receives \$421 a month in Aid to Families with Dependent Children, plus about

\$400 monthly in food stamps and medical assistance.

Welfare officials said fewer than 20 percent of the people on welfare actually received the extra money. Even those people did not receive extra money every month.

Until last year, state law allowed up to \$50 a month in child-support payments that absent parents in welfare families must pay to the government to "pass through" directly to the families.

Last year the federal government gave states the option of eliminating the program, which Pennsylvania did. Welfare advocates sued and lost.

The department promised to plow the money into transportation, child care and job training for recipients trying to work their way off of welfare. But not all of the programs have been put in place and that has left some welfare advocates fuming.

"If you're talking about being beaten today, job training doesn't help you," said Stephanie Gonzalez, an attorney who supervises the Custody and Support Assistance Clinic in Philadelphia.

Campus Bulletin Board

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Orientation & Planning
for 1997-1998

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Art Education

When: 9-9-97

Where: Allen Hall, Rm. 111

Time: 12:30-1:30pm

Special Education

When: 9-18-97

Where: Retan, Rm. G-2

Time: 12:30-1:30pm

Elementary & Secondary

When: 9-30-97

Where: Grant - Planetarium

Time: 12:30-1:30pm

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When: 9-23-97

Where: Butler, Rm. 102

Time: 12:30-1:30pm

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Just because you're paranoid doesn't mean they're not listening

If by chance you have ventured into the The Golden Rule (occasionally known as the New Fitness and Recreation Center) at any time during this semester you could have missed the signs posted on the bathroom and locker room doors informing students that our conversations are being monitored for our safety.

We, the people at the Flashlight, in order to form a more perfect university, feel this new practice is an illegal, unconstitutional, and unAmerican act.

Illegal. Currently, common law requires that an officially sanctioned law enforcement body must at the very least have probable cause to listen and to record an individual's conversations. Not only must this probable cause appeal to a reasonable person's definition of probable cause, but it usually must be signed by a judge, justice, or some member of the judicial branch of government. We find it very difficult to believe that any member of the law enforcement community could show probable cause that the students of Mansfield University by their nature of being students of Mansfield University are likely to commit a crime, or discuss the circumstances regarding criminal activity.

Unconstitutional. Of course, if the Golden Rule's Brain Trust has decided that the students of Mansfield University are not actually citizens of the United States, or that we are not entitled to the equal protection thereof well then it makes sense that we should be denied due process of law. Maybe we are only treated as 3/5 of a person. That way our rights could be denied but we could still be counted for purposes of federal matching funds, tuition increases and allocation of parking spaces.

UnAmerican. America fought a revolutionary war over the issue of freedom. We killed by the thousands, and died by the thousands to prevent tyranny, and unjust rule. Now, some 200 years later, the very values our country fought so hard to establish and preserve is being infringed upon. No, not infringed upon. VIOLATED. RAPED. BROKEN. DISREGARDED. INTERRUPTED. DISTURBED. TRANSGRESSED. DESPOILED. The memory of two centuries of Americans sacrificing their lives and their property for the one value that human beings have valued above all others since the beginning of time. Liberty. Freedom. Autonomy. Deliverance. Emancipation. Independence. Self-determination. Sovereignty. All put into the deepest darkest corner of North Hall, and forgotten about.

However, the biggest question is why?

Safety? Who's? Their's or our's? The signs posted state that the front desk is monitoring conversation. How much are we paying to have someone constantly monitor our conversations? What happens is no one is monitoring the bugs? How do they expect to help someone in trouble if no one is listening to our every word? If someone were assaulted, would there be someone to witness the event? Can they render assistance? Or call someone that can?

The main thrust is that safety has never really been an issue in bathrooms or locker rooms before, so why try it now? Maybe they will catch a few students puffing away at a cigarette, or another one injecting some heroin. The restrictions they are placing on our freedoms are not going to go away though, and the restrictions will far outweigh their usefulness to us as students.

Mansfield University: This is your wake up call! Tyranny and Marshall law are no longer restricted to third-world nations or other people, they are right here in Tioga County. Right here at Mansfield University.



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BY: HUGH SCHINTZIUS

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BY: GEORGE ORWELL ?

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Letters to the Editor Policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we?

In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The *Flashlight* reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the *Flashlight* office, 217 Memorial Hall, Monday through Friday, or mailed to the above address.

Commentary policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary you may turn it in to the *Flashlight* office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writer's name, major, class and phone number. Non-students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week, we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

Commentary

Major federal tax cuts cause debate

by Tom Raum

WASHINGTON (AP) — All that harmony and sweet bipartisanship over the budget accord which produced the first major tax cut in 16 years and a balanced-budget plan has some activist Republicans rolling their eyes.

They're ready for a return to some old-fashioned confrontation, and new ways to distinguish themselves from President Clinton and other newly centrist Democrats.

After all, what are lawmakers going to do for an encore for the rest of 1997?

"There is a huge vacuum waiting to be filled with an agenda," said GOP pollster Frank Luntz, who has done extensive polling for congressional Republicans.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, trying to mend his own image, is suggesting that the truce with the Clinton White House may be at an end.

During a nine-state nationwide tour, which ends this week at a "dinosaur dig" in Montana, the House speaker has shown a new assertiveness.

He is promising to battle

Clinton this fall on welfare overhaul, has suggested he might write a new version of the "Contract With America" for 2000 and is pressing for additional tax cuts.

"I find people really light up at the idea that we're being frugal with money in Washington," the speaker said in a recent pep talk to GOP members about to return to Washington from their long summer break.

Adding welfare overhaul to the fall House agenda all but assures a contentious battle with the White House and could help restore Gingrich's standing among rank-and-file Republicans.

Gingrich is trying to reassert his leadership after the abortive coup attempt against him earlier this summer and to shore up support among conservatives, who contend he and other GOP leaders compromised too much with the White House on the budget accord.

The criticism has been particularly sharp from outside Washington, including from two would-be 2000 GOP presidential hopefuls, former Vice President Dan Quayle and publisher Steve Forbes.

On Tuesday, Forbes said, "The party has temporarily lost its way. That

budget deal was an abomination."

The Republican Congress and the Clinton White House agreed to a drastic overhaul of the welfare system last year, giving control over the programs to the states, and requiring recipients to find work within two years.

But many governors including some Democrats have grumbled over Labor Department rules that require the minimum wage and other labor laws to apply to those with subsidized jobs under a welfare-to-work program.

Many governors suggest that will frighten off private companies in the program. States, they fear, could get stuck holding the bag.

"We ought to finish welfare reform," Gingrich told a group of receptive Midwestern governors last week. "The Clinton administration, working with the unions and bureaucrats, is trying to undermine and destroy welfare reform."

Gingrich is returning to "his ideal role, as an idea generator for others, for the party," said University of Virginia political scientist Larry Sabato. "He's reasserting his leadership, but the potential for a comeback is very limited.

Most Americans are turned off to him. They just don't like him."

Another problem facing Gingrich, suggests Stuart Rothenberg, a political newsletter publisher, is that neither Republicans nor Democrats have clear programs for the post-budget-deal period.

"There are a lot of question marks," he said. "Nobody's sure what to do next."

Democrats, of course, control the White House and their agenda is pretty much set near-term by what Clinton says.

But the predicament can be particularly vexing for Republican incumbents as the 1998 midterm elections draw nearer — and as Republicans hope to not only maintain but to widen their control of the House.

"While they (Republicans) might run on the budget agreement, they're looking for additional things to differentiate themselves from the Democrats," said GOP pollster Luntz.

"These guys want to know what they're going to do, what they're going to accomplish in the next year and a half," he said.

Americans using more credit and paying the price

by John Cunniff

NEW YORK (AP) — If you want some gossip items on the financial secrets of your neighbors, just take a look at the statistics. They contain more good stuff than a supermarket tabloid.

Your neighbors are probably over their head in debt, for example.

Lots of them are using their credit cards to the limit, and even beyond. They aren't able to save a great deal. Their spending is probably growing faster than their income is rising.

How can you tell? From, for example, the 20 per cent growth of debt in the lower 80 percent of incomes, which includes much of the vast middle class.

That item comes from a triennial Federal Reserve study that in 1989 showed the debt-to-asset ratio was 16.4

percent, about 19 percent in 1992 and close to 20 percent in 1995.

You can read the news in the credit-card delinquency ratios (30 days or more overdue), which rose in the final quarter of 1996 to 3.72 percent of all accounts. And in personal bankruptcy figures, which last year rose more than 30 percent to 1 million-plus.

And you can find the suggestion of financial pressure in the latest Commerce Department report on consumer spending. It shot up 0.8 percent in July, eight times faster than incomes rose.

Not just that, but in savings too. The rate dipped to 3.7 percent in July, one of the lowest not just in recent years but in recent decades. It could be temporary, but maybe not.

The popular explanation for this behavior is that consumers are confident about the future, and that they tend

to take spending risks. It sounds very plausible.

Equally plausible, however, is the contention that households are caught in a trap. And that, having adjusted their life style to their credit limit, they can maintain it only on more credit.

While they manage to pay down bills for a time, as in earlier this year, the pressure builds and they spend again, by simple compulsion or induced by advertising stimuli.

Taxes make it harder on such households. In 1996, according to the Tax Foundation, a private-sector research organization, total taxes as a percent of income rose to 34.77 percent.

That level not only is the largest in the foundation's records back to 1940, when it was 18.3 percent, but the largest single item in the household budget.

The tax take is even larger in

some states. In Connecticut, the most taxed state on a per capita basis, 41.4 percent of income goes for taxes. In New York, the total take is 40.2 percent.

Though not in a classical sense, all the obvious federal, state and local taxes, plus those hidden from view, have the same impact as inflation on the weekly paycheck and household budgets.

Of course, you can argue that most buyers today are getting good buys in the sense that prices are relatively stable.

The other side is that sellers have no pricing power, rising prices and discount-seeking customers won't allow it.

Already at their debt limits and without ready cash, these consumers would be forced from the marketplace, not to return until they'd paid down debts and again had credit-card liquidity.

Texas state judge puts restriction on "bad" traffic law

the Associated Press

Editorial comment on freedom of information in Texas: Aug. 27<

Austin American-Statesman on state open records law:

A state judge's decision to set aside temporarily a law restricting public access to traffic records is a good sign for a bad law.

State Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, sneaked the restriction into an otherwise noncontroversial bill last legislative session after the governor vetoed a similar bill. The law the governor signed includes language that limits traffic accident reports to those who know the name of a person involved and the date or location of the crash.

It is a patently wrong-headed law that keeps information from the public that pays for it, pays to compile it and owns it. And it can be information the

public needs.

Compiling accident reports allows the press and public to know the most dangerous intersections and roadways in a community. That can be valuable knowledge for drivers seeking to avoid danger and for governments charged with ensuring highway safety.

Many of the legislators who voted for the law Gov. George W. Bush vetoed, and accepted the language slipped into the bill he signed, argue that it is aimed at curbing abuse, not the public's right to know. Restricting access was meant to keep the names of those in traffic accidents shielded from various ambulance-chasing professions and businesses seeking easy customers.

But in trying to hide the information from those individuals and entities looking for business, the Legislature kept the information from nearly everyone. Yet that is information paid for by

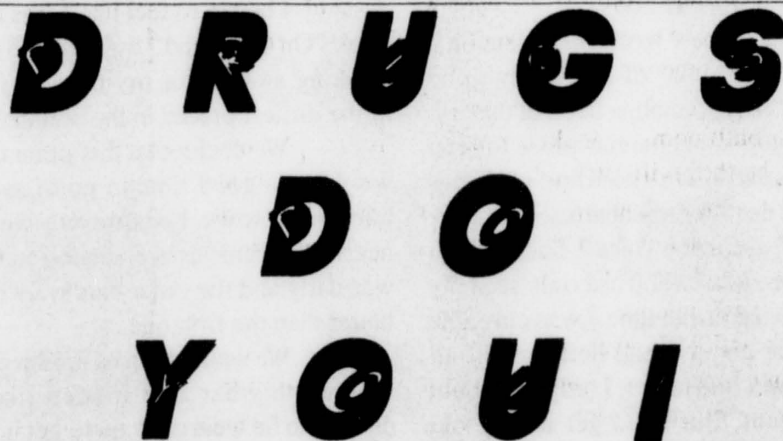
tax dollars and the public that owns it should have access to it.

The Texas Legislature has been down this road before. It continues to struggle with the notion that people should have unfettered access to the information that serves the public.

The temporary injunction granted by State District Judge Paul

Davis keeps the bill from becoming law on Sept. 1 and allows both sides of the issue to work a resolution. Both the newspaper groups opposing the law and lawyers for the State Attorney General's office charged with defending it seem willing to negotiate.

Open records are a public trust, not secrets to be revealed to only a few.



Courtesy of the Ad Council

Kreative Korner

From pancakes and leisure to knife-weilding weirdos!!!

by **Krissy Dennis**
editor of features

Welcome back my little love muffins. I trust you all had an exciting summer. I don't mean to make you feel bad, but it probably could not have been any better than mine. What could be better than waking every morning to the sweet smells of pancakes, eggs and bacon???? Waking to the drama of daytime television!!

That's right, my days and nights consisted of nothing more than food, television, and playing in the sandbox with my nephew. Well enough about me....

More about me.. After my whirlwind summer I finally arrived back to school to settle in. This time I'm off campus. Since I graduate in December and then have to head out in the cruel world to actually contribute to society, I figure I better acclimate myself to the real world.

Well, the real world kind of sucks. First, my mommy isn't there to make me food. This means I have to stand around the kitchen and find something, which I then have to prepare. The only good thing about this is that I will probably lose a few unwanted pounds.

Bars, lost love, and literature abound in a small village!!

by **Josh Cusatis**
fall-out editor

So, here it is, again. It's Autumn and I can feel the bone-chilling, flesh-numbing, high-speed, Mansfield wind coming down from the north. That's one thing that I have to tell you if you're new to Mansfield. In the summer there is no breeze but in the winter Mansfield becomes a wind tunnel of such magnitude that even light cannot escape it.

Well, more along the lines of my story I have to say that this will be my last year writing for the Flashlight. Even in the unlikely event that I don't graduate in August, as I have planned, I will have saved about 30 dollars to purchase a few supplies. I figure that three or four Molotov cocktails through the window will just about take care of this office.

Since this will be my last year doing stories that I can have just about complete control over I'm going to use that ability to it's fullest extent. Hell, I hope to pervert and molest it like a TV evangelist.

I do have a specific story that I want to tell in this column. I not just writing my senior year, Flashlight manifesto. So, without further ado...

This past weekend I went on a road trip with one of my really good friends, Chris. The objectives of this trip were to stop at my parents place to drop off things that I didn't need and get things that I did need for my apartment. A very strange experience since I hadn't been home since March and had only seen my parents twice in that time. I was only able to stay for about a half hour and of all things that I had to get, I only got about five percent. But I did get a very old bottle of wine that I had wanted for a

That coupled with my new found sport, racquetball, should do the trick.

I'm a cable ready kind of girl, so when I was too lazy to call for cable hookup for about a week I found myself slowly losing my mind. Of course I found some good Samaritans across the street who took me in and addicted me to South Park, the best cartoon ever made. (Besides Scooby Doo)

The only saving grace, the only one true constant in my Mansfield life is Marks Brothers. I know this sounds sad and pathetic, but I'm not the only one. Anyway, I figured a little trip to the old watering hole would provide a little solace. So I made my way there, by myself, to wait for a friend.

Much to my surprise, the place was empty. Well, at least I could sit in peace and commune with my Honey Brown. Right when I thought this, in walks another patron. Not an ordinary patron, but some stranger who made my little red warning flags go up. It might have been the pony tail he sported, or maybe it was the tattoos running up and down his arms. In any case, there I was with twenty other chairs around me beckoning him to sit in them, and he sits right next to me. What was I supposed to say, 'please don't sit there I might catch something from you'?? Hell no!!

long time from my father.

Next, we were off to Chris' place for the night. We were going because his sister was having her 18th birthday party and since I know Chris' family I had no problem with going. Plus, this was just a cool trip and I knew that it would be.

We did the whole party thing and then we went to Chris' mother's for a little chat time. Aside from the fact that his mother served us some really good Spanish Sangria that she had got on her trip to... Spain! (obviously), it was fun to sit with Chris' mother and sister since I hadn't seen them in quite awhile.

You have to keep along with me here. I am leading up to a climax. I just learned that in my Fiction Writing class!

The two of us decided that it would be a good idea if we went to the most run-down bar in the entire country. It happens to be in his town and we thought that he might be able to find his father there.

Chris' father wasn't at this bar and I wish that I hadn't been either because I truly felt like a prophet in an unholy land. Due to this, we finished our beers in about thirty seconds which only left us five seconds to get out of the place alive.

I began to feel like I was in the book "On the Road" by Jack Kerouac. Looking around for my friend's father in the dirtiest places in the country.

We decided at this point that it would be a good time to go to another bar in the town because we weren't nearly as drunk as we needed to be, it was early and the other bars were much better than the first one.

We walked across the street and entered this bar that looked like we needed to be wearing a tie to get in. But we didn't and got in fine.

So I lied and acted like having him sit next to me would be the biggest blessing bestowed upon me.

Anyway, he quickly ordered two shots of Tequila with a Budweiser. Two obvious things should have made me run for the hills. The first one being that he drank these two shots within one minute. Also, the mere fact that he would actually want to drink a Budweiser was reason enough for me to cringe.

Because I was enjoying myself I stayed where I was and didn't really think too much more of him. I really should listen to my instincts when it comes to strange men in the bar, but being the liberated woman I am I figured I shouldn't have to run and hide.

Anyway, along with the guys shots of Tequila he had lemon wedges, which usually leaves little bits stuck in your teeth. Now I am sure that had he asked the bartender for a toothpick he would have gladly given him one. Oh No, that would be too easy. So the guy whips out a four or five inch knife and starts picking his teeth clean. At this point the bartender looked at me and I looked at him, and then we just shifted uncomfortably and carried on as usual.

Eventually my friend joined me at the bar, which made me feel a little bit safer. I already mentioned that I am a

liberated woman, which means that I like to be treated equal. For some damn reason I actually got a little offended when this guy reached in front of me and introduced himself to my friend. Mind you I had to sit there watching this guy perform oral surgery on himself with a knife and I don't even get the courtesy of a name. Okay, so I didn't get that upset, but still...

All of a sudden this guy is roaring drunk and trying to philosophize with us. He was sitting there asking us how full his glass of beer was. In actuality his glass was completely full, but in order to make him happy, I gave him an answer. This strange little exchange went on for about forty minutes until the bartender decided to cut him off.

Now, I am sure that plenty of you have seen the reaction a drunk man who has to been flagged. It's not pretty. As soon as the guy stepped off his stool to argue with the bartender that's when we made our escape. Granted I could have made a hundred dollars off this guy. That's if he didn't knife me or he happened to pass out on the floor.

So the moral of my story is just get a six pack and take it home with you. That way if you are plagued by weirdos it's your own damn fault.

I no longer felt like I was in "On the Road" but I did feel like I was in "An Invitation to the Blues" which is a song by Tom Waits. The premise of the song is two guys crossing the country on a bus. One day they stop to get lunch and in the diner one of the guys falls in love with the waitress that he's only spoken three words to. When it comes time for the bus to leave The guy tells his friend to leave without him because he's fallen in love with the waitress and is going to stay in hopes of catching the eye of the waitress.

Well, in this bar I found a waitress that was absolutely the most beautiful woman I had ever seen. I could hear her at the end of the bar talking to another of the waitresses as she was counting her tips for the night. Sometimes you can just tell something about a person in a couple of seconds from very little information and she seemed like she was at least quite intelligent.

For the rest of the time that we were at this bar, all I could do was stare at her. I so desperately wanted to know her name. That's all I ever wanted from her. I could have lived with it at just that. But before I knew it, she was up and gone for the night and I never even got to walk up to her and ask for her name.

There didn't seem like there was much left for me in this town after that and as I sauntered down to the third and last bar and proceeded to get very drunk. I was lamenting my lost chance and Chris just wanted to be drunk. I felt very alone at this bar and didn't pay attention to the place much but I'm sure that it was very nice.

I asked Chris if, on the way home, we could go down to the river, which is the southern Susquehanna. We stood there and I couldn't believe how far it was to the other side. Chris told

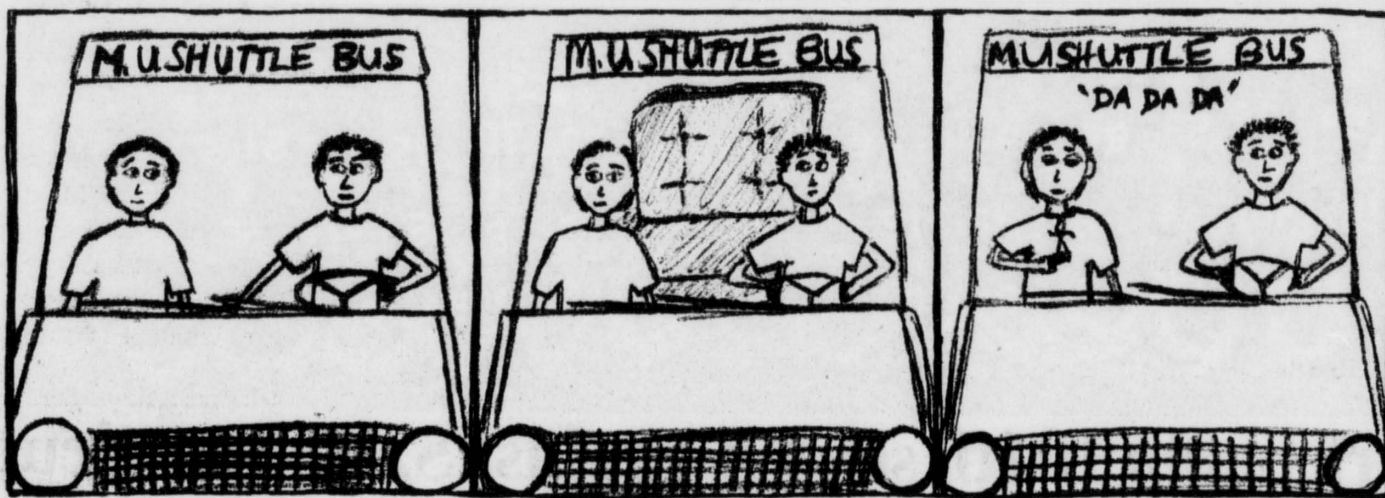
me that it was about two miles. I could see the spaces between the headlights of cars on the other side. Speculating how wide the river is, I finished my cigarette and (I know I littered, sorry!) threw the butt into the inky darkness of the river. I followed that glow of the cigarette through the air until it finally disappeared into the vastness of the Susquehanna. Gone.

Well, that was my first column of the year and it wasn't funny or humorous like I usually like to make them but I couldn't come up with anything else to write about and, as you will find over time, many of the features that appear on these pages are written to fill a space when it's 4 in the morning and we can't find anything else. This means that many of the columns that we run, no matter who writes them are garbage. But at least we know that. Have a good year and don't get a head cold.

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Mountie Gridders begin 104th season against S. Connecticut

special to the Flashlight

The Mansfield University football program will open its 104th season of intercollegiate play when they host Southern Connecticut State University this Saturday at Karl Van Norman Field. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m.

It marks just the second meeting between the two teams with Southern Connecticut taking last year's contest by a 54-14 margin.

The Mountaineers, under third year head coach Joe Viadella, are hoping to continue a rebuilding effort that saw them win three times as many games in 1996 over the 1995 campaign.

Offensively MU will depend on the running of senior back Jason Donadi, who accumulated 914 yards on the ground last season, the second best effort in Mountaineer history.

Donadi has also proved to be a threat in the air leading all receivers with 38 catches. He ranks sixth in MU career rushing with 1,621 yards and needs 92 yards to pass Jason Shilala for fifth place.

Donadi will get relief from breakaway threat sophomore Lee Brannon and junior Dave Banyar. Joining Donadi in the backfield will be sophomore Nate Davis at fullback. Davis, who had just eight carries last season but caught 29 passes out of the backfield, should have his number called more often this year.

The task of running the offense will go to sophomore quarterback Lucas Smith. Last season Smith set a new MU freshman record by passing for 1,689 yards and six touchdowns. He also ran for 273 yards scoring four touchdowns's.

In addition to Donadi and Davis,

Smith will also have returning starting wide out Pete Herchik and tight end Mike Brezovec to pull in his passes. Freshman red-shirt Chris Olsen and Jared Cooney are vying to start at the other wideout slot.

The play of the offensive line should go a long way in determining the Mounties success this year. The line will be anchored by returning starters Barth Carson and Mark Bristol at the tackles with sophomores Jason Marlow and Marcus Pokrinchak at the guard spots.

Both Marlow and Pokrinchak saw starting action during the course of the season last year. Also look for junior Pete O'Conner to see plenty of playing time. Freshman redshirt Chris Lordi has earned the starting spot at center.

The coaching staff worked hard to improve the defense during the off season. A revamped defensive line should feature more depth and quickness. Sophomore Anthony Frey and freshman redshirt Frank Shartle will both see action at left end with returning starters Dan Ledebur and Pat Cinther at left and right tackle.

They will be backed up by freshman Tyson Figueroa and senior John Lipsey. The starting spot at right end will be decided between a pair of red-shirt freshman in Frank Hanlon and Tyree Patterson.

The Mountaineer linebacking corps should be the strength of the defense. Jim Ludwig and Maff Guzivich return as starters at the middle and outside spot while freshman-red shirt Gabe Kamarousky should fill the other outside spot. Senior Mike Abrachinsky will also get plenty of action with freshman Brad Polk and Jeremy Richardson providing backup.

The secondary may be the most improved unit on the team. Senior JJ Cleaver returns for this third starting season at cornerback with junior Chezie Morrison or

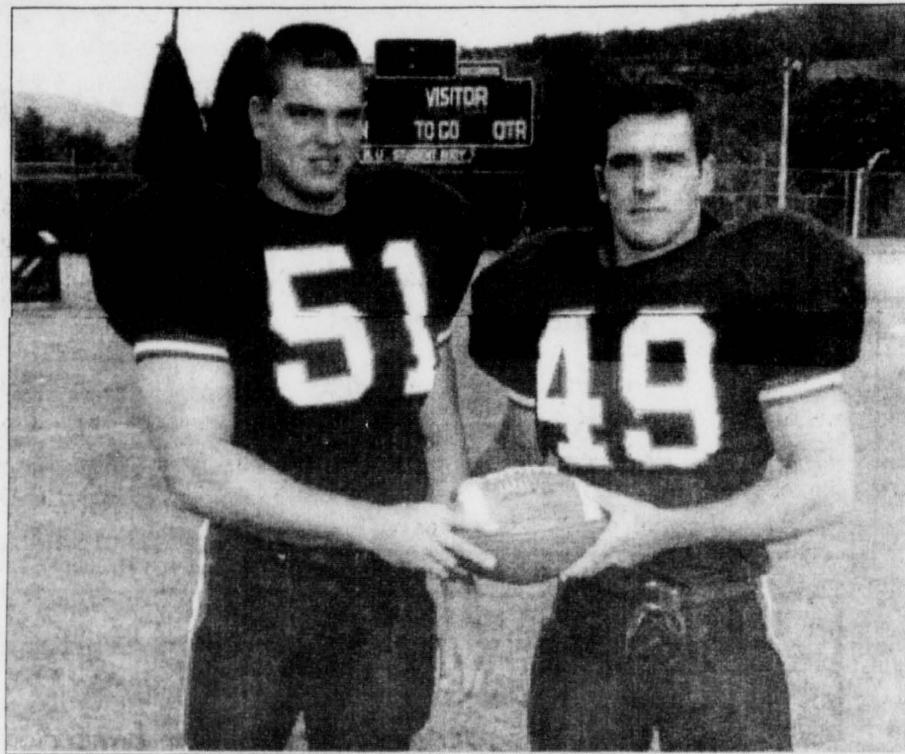


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Matt Guzevich (51) senior linebacker and Jason Donadi (49) senior tailback are this year's team captains. The Mounties begin their season this Saturday at home against Southern Connecticut.

red-shirt freshman Harold Vinson holding down the other corner spot. Freshman red-shirt Haiken Stevens will start at strong safety with returning starter Maff Hanley at free safety.

Under head coach Rick Cavanaugh, the Owls of Southern Connecticut State are hoping to carry the momentum created in the last two seasons (15-7) into 1997.

Although they lost 14 starters offlast season's 7-4 squad, the Owls have plenty of weapons left. The most dangerous of those may be sophomore tailback Rashaan Dumas who ran for 1,639 yards and scored 18 TD's last season. Also returning are senior quarterback Tom Kline who

passed for 2,091 yards and 15 TD's in 1996. Tight end Maff Hitchcock returns after catching 32 passes last year as does wideout Kevin Rembert, a two-time New England spring champion at the 100 and 200 meters.

Defensively Southern Connecticut will depend on veteran linemen Ty Wilson and Tedla Brock. The Owls also return kicker Frank Biancamano, who averaged 40.8 yards per punt and was the third leading scorer on the team last year.

The Mountaineers will travel to Westminster College to face the six time NAIA National Champion Titans the Saturday after they play Southern Connecticut.

Mountaineer cross country team starts season with home meet



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Mike Lane should anchor the Mountaineer cross-country team when they host Baptist Bible College this Saturday in their season opener.

by Ron Mash
sports reporter

A good mix of returning veterans and incoming talent has tenth year head coach Jim Taylor optimistic about the upcoming cross country season.

Junior captain Mike Lane (Ulster/SRU) heads a list of three runners who finished in the top 90 in last year's PSAC Championships, a meet in which the Mountaineers finished eleventh out of thirteen teams.

Senior Matt Opdyke (Benton/Hunterdon Central) and sophomore Derek Furry (Easton/Easton) bring experience and leadership to a very young team.

Red-shirt freshman Todd Stewart will push Lane and make an immediate impact. Newcomers, sophomore Eric Franitti (Beaver Falls/Blackhawk) and freshman Ron Mash (Windber/Windber) step in to round out the men's team.

"Todd Stewart is one of those kids that can run for days, he's amazing and should be the top freshman in the PSAC," said Lane. "The loss of guys from last year's team is the big thing. We're going to have to rely on two guys (Franitti and Mash) that haven't run cross country to come through and get us the points."

After finishing twelfth at the 1996 PSAC Championships, the women's cross country team will be lead by upperclassmen experience and a very talented incoming class.

Junior captain Colleen Ryder (Oakmont/Oakmont), the Most Valuable Runner for the Lady Mountaineers a year ago returns and hopes to improve on that performance.

Sophomore Kim Carman (Trumansburg, NY/Trumansburg) has also shown the will and desire to lead this young team.

With only five spots up for

grabs, the talented freshman class have been working hard through cross country camp to gain one of those spots.

High school All-Conference selections Kristy Bishop (Duke Center/Otto-Eldred), Kristin Clark (Factoryville/Lackawana Trail), Catherine Deithorn (Doylestown/Central Bucks West), Brianne Liddick (Elmira, NY, Southside), Jamie Ruane (Quakertown, Quakertown), and Brandi Yanchik (Hunlock/Northwest) all aim to gain one of those spots.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOOTBALL at home v. Southern Connecticut: Saturday 1:00 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY at home v. baptist Bible: Saturday 10:00 a.m.

FIELD HOCKEY scrimmage away at Houghton: Fri. 6:00 p.m.

National Sports

Grand jury declines to indict Cowboy lineman

DALLAS (AP) Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman Nate Newton was cleared Tuesday of allegations that he raped his former mistress, a woman who defense attorneys said tried to extort money from the athlete before going to police.

Newton, dressed in a brown sports coat, black shirt and pants, spent more than an hour before the grand jury that declined to indict him on a sexual assault charge recommended by prosecutors.

"I made a mistake," Newton told reporters after the hearing. "I hurt my wife and my family and disgraced the Dallas Cowboys."

"I've talked to some of my teammates and some of the leaders of the team. From the beginning they have backed me. I've promised them that if I can get through this I will be less of a distraction for my team."

Newton's statement was brief, and he took no questions.

"Anything else about civil suits or whether we're going to file anything against them will be handled through my lawyer," he said.

His lawyer, Howard Shapiro, wouldn't say if Newton would sue the woman.

"Mr. Newton wants to play football, get on with his life, help the Dallas Cowboys win another Super Bowl," Shapiro said.

The 31 year-old woman who accused Newton of raping her in her mobile home on June 15 was "pretty crushed" by the decision, according to her lawyer, Bryan McDonald.

"It took a lot of courage for her to come forward. To have the grand jury jerk the rug out from under her is kind of disheartening."

Her fears of not being believed were what had kept her from reporting the alleged crime to Grand Prairie police before July 8, McDonald said.

"It's not totally unexpected," he said. "We tried to prepare ourselves for exactly this situation because of the mys-

tique of the Cowboys."

Responded Shapiro: "I'm tired of hearing that. He's also the one that said this wasn't about seeking money, it's about seeking justice."

Shapiro has said the woman falsely cried rape after an evening of consensual sex in an attempt to extort money — anywhere from \$80,000 to \$650,000 — from his client.

The woman and Newton have confirmed they had a relationship that Shapiro said lasted 15 months.

First Assistant District Attorney Norm Kinne said the woman's credibility was harmed by her monetary negotiations with Newton before going to police.

Kinne said he could not speak for grand jurors, but "they probably did not appreciate this monetary negotiations breaking down prior to the time that the criminal justice system is brought into play."

Last week, the grand jury heard a recording, made by the woman's answering machine June 17, in which Newton appears to apologize for his actions that night, said Kinne, adding that was probably the strongest evidence against Newton.

"It's an apology, sort of, and an admission, sort of," he said.

Four witnesses, including Newton and his wife, testified Tuesday before the panel.

The jury panel also had for its review a packet of four letters from the woman's lawyers to Shapiro and Dallas Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones, Shapiro said.

One of the letters sent him demanded \$650,000 or threatened publicity and criminal prosecution, he said.

"We're going to take a serious look at her lawyer's actions now," Shapiro said.

"It's not as though we went in making a bunch of demands unsolicited," McDonald said. "They wanted to try to resolve this manner monetarily."

The woman now plans to file a civil lawsuit over the events of that night, he said.

"We hoped the criminal courts would take responsibility in this case," McDonald said. "Now that they haven't, we have no choice."

NFL attendance up from last year

NEW YORK (AP) — Attendance at NFL games for the opening week of the season was up by more than 5,000 fans per game over last year.

Total attendance at the 15 openers was 933,647, an average of 62,243. The first week of the 1996 season drew 928,263, an average of 61,884.

The biggest crowd, 79,139, was at Rich Stadium, where Minnesota beat host Buffalo.

The smallest crowd attended Tennessee's debut in the league. Just 30,171 were at the Liberty Bowl in Memphis to see the transplanted (from Houston) Oilers beat Oakland.

New Sports assistant speaks out, and then I do

Jason Feather
Asst. Sports Editor and
Joe Wagner
Sports Editor

Hello everyone and welcome back after a very quick summer break.

For the past three semesters, I have been writing for the Flashlight sports section, covering the various sports teams of Mansfield University.

As the new Assistant Sports Editor, I will be assisting "Editor Joe" with the editing and layout of the sports section here on the Flashlight.

The editor, Joe Wagner, and I would like to extend a special invitation to anyone out there interested in writing articles for the sports section of the newspaper.

If you have any interest whatsoever, call Joe at the Flashlight office at x4986 or myself at x5677.

You could also come to the meetings, which are every Monday in Memorial Hall (2nd floor) at 4 P.M..

Right now we have a good team of reporters covering the many fall sports, but we need more help.

If your interests are in any sports at all, whether it be Mansfield or professional, stop by or give us a call.

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Now it's my time to speak out.

This is Joe Wagner here to tell all you people that the Sports Pages are going to be better than last year. I mean, last year they weren't bad at all, but this year the Sports Pages are going to be great.

Feather has already told you that we are going to be covering MU sports, but we have many new editions to the sports staff.

Actually, the sports department has a bigger staff than the news staff. And since we only have two to four pages devoted to sports, all that quality sports reporting talent and creativity will be crammed into one collective sports genius.

But, enough about the Sports department. I'm going to throw a little something out for everybody to think about: Deion Sanders.

I've ripped Deion up in columns before to the point nearing slander. But good ole' Prime Time has just thrown a wrench into my anti-Deion machine.

Everybody knows what Deion has become. He never fails to mention his new found faith in any interview nowadays.

What I'm wondering though is how long is this going to last. Deion has stopped living for himself and started living for his god. That's an improvement in my eyes. But do you think that the man who has named his three children after himself can hang onto his faith in the maelstrom that is professional sports.

You know what. I hope so.

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PGA Grand Slam changes dates

HONOLULU (AP) — If you're planning to take in the PGA Grand Slam of Golf on Kauai in November, be aware of a date change.

The PGA announced Tuesday the 36-hole, two-day tournament, which features the winners of the four "majors," will be played Monday, Nov. 17, and Tuesday, Nov. 18.

The original dates were Nov. 18 and 19.

PGA officials said the change was made to accommodate the travel needs of participants who previously had committed to compete in the World Cup of Golf in South Carolina, which begins Nov. 20.

This year's PGA Grand Slam field includes Tiger Woods (Masters), Ernie Els (U.S. Open), Justin Leonard (British Open) and Davis Love III (PGA Championship).

Special Report:

The Death of a Princess

Blood alcohol level confirms driver drunk

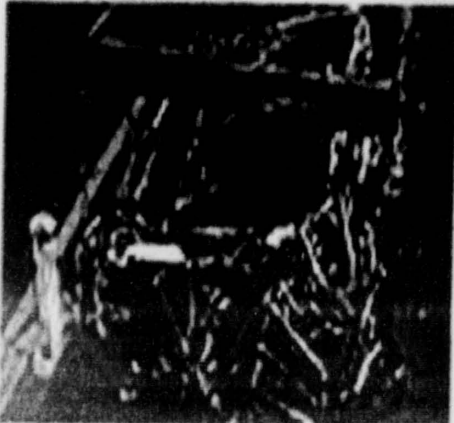


photo by CNN
Phot of Princess Diana's car after the crash in which she was killed.

LONDON (AP) — Preparing a funeral of splendor and substance to bid its fallen princess farewell, a dejected Britain was smacked Monday with another disturbing revelation: Diana's driver was drunk.

French prosecutors said the driver's blood analysis revealed "that the alco-

hol level was illegal." A spokesman said on condition of anonymity that it was 1.75 grams per liter of blood — three times France's legal limit.

In another development, a source close to the investigation said the car was going about 120 mph (195 kph) when it went through the Seine River tunnel, where it crashed early Sunday. The speed limit is 30 mph (50 kph).

The news hit hard in a nation already coping with losing an icon so abruptly — and angered that celebrity photographers might have been partially responsible. Still, people seemed intent on remembering Diana's life, not rehashing her violent end.

"She added the style and the flavor that the monarchy needed. Now the monarchy will be poorer," Christopher Buckmaster, a London businessman, said Monday.

Diana's funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Westminster Abbey — burial

place of Queen Elizabeth I, poet John Dryden and Mary, Queen of Scots, among others.

It will be a state event, but not quite a full state funeral, Prime Minister Tony Blair said. He said it would reflect the princess' "modernity."

Diana lost her full royal title upon her divorce from Prince Charles, but retained many of her privileges.

The mother of England's future king, Prince William, will then be buried privately in the ancestral chapel near Althorp, the family's home 60 miles (100 km) north of London. There lie 20 generations of Spencers.

On Monday, Diana's coffin lay privately in the Chapel Royal at St. James's Palace. Outside, and around Buckingham Palace, mourners of the "People's Princess" laid flowers in her memory, lined up by the thousands to write in four condolence books and talked of her life.

It is these people whom the government wants to include in funeral ceremonies. Blair's spokesman said no one wants merely a gathering of "the great and the good."

"There should be people there who represented the causes she touched and the people that she touched," the spokesman said. Buckingham Palace said it plans to issue 2,000 invitations.

The BBC said the service will be televised, and much of the nation will stand still. London airports will suspend service and many stores will close.

The investigation of the crash, which also killed Diana's companion, Dodi Fayed, took an even more dramatic turn with the statement that the driver, identified as Henry Paul, 41, was intoxicated.

"Mr. Al Fayed is mortified by this news today," Michael Cole, spokesman for Mohamed Al Fayed, Fayed's father, said in an interview on Channel 4 news Monday. "It is very truly cruelty upon cru-

Princess Diana celebrity to American audiences



AP photo
Princess Diana long before the tragedy.

NEW YORK (AP) — She was a princess, yes — the perfectly wrapped package of British royalty complete with tiara, shining eyes and an all-too-photo-genic smile.

But Americans found other, very American reasons to watch, if not adore, Diana. Here was a woman who battled an eating disorder, fended off suicide rumors, stole jet-set kisses and finally divorced her prince and became a single mother.

The things that so piqued British traditionalists made Diana's life resonate on this side of the Atlantic, where foible so often augments halo and fairy-tale lives so often melt into dysfunction.

"We knew in this country that the Cinderella story was no longer supposed to be true. Then we saw her. She was a princess for the post-feminist generation," said Shari Roberts, a Penn State University assistant professor who studies how Americans perceive celebrity.

In this nation that shed blood so long ago to purge royalty from its society, the "People's Princess" made a lasting impression. Disappointed by latter-day Kennedys, left without vicarious royal glitter since Princess Grace, many Ameri-

cans looked to Diana as their princess by proxy.

"It's like we've lost one of our own political figures," said Joni Van Vliet, 18, of Bend, Ore.

From the early years when they imitated her hairdo by the thousands, Americans watched Diana closely as the shy, big-eyed 20-year-old married Prince Charles. They watched her grow

into a poised socialite, then a willful activist who hugged AIDS patients and denounced land mines. When she visited the United States, they flocked around her.

"Not since Jackie O had someone come along who was accessible, had the common touch and married a prince," said Carol Wallace,

H. Clinton expected at funeral

EDGARTOWN, Mass. (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton will attend Princess Diana's funeral on Saturday, standing in for millions of mourning Americans who had embraced the British princess.

Mrs. Clinton "will certainly take the condolences of her husband, the president, and we fully expect the American people will believe that she will be passing along the American public's condolences for them," deputy White House press secretary Joe Lockhart told reporters on Martha's Vineyard where the first family is spending a three-week summer vacation.

Diana and Mrs. Clinton had met several times over the past two years, generally in connection with Diana's various causes such as breast cancer re-

search or, most recently, a drive to rid the world of land mines.

The two said little in public about their private talks, though the British invitation to Mrs. Clinton for the funeral spoke of a "close personal association" they had formed.

Mrs. Clinton had joked about their first White House meeting a year ago, "I was thinking as I met her in the Blue Room that this is one of the nicest British invasions at the White House. The other one, treaty talks."

"Princess Diana was one of many voices the administration heard on this subject," Lockhart said.

He also said Princess Diana and Mrs. Clinton shared "a confluence of interests" on a number of issues,

Arab suggests conspiracy

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — While most of the world mourned Princess Diana's death as a tragic accident, Arab news media raised the theory that her life was ended instead by a conspiracy born of anti-Arab racism.

No proof was offered for what British officials dubbed "absurd" suggestions. And only anonymous sources — or no sources — were quoted. But from the Persian Gulf to Libya, the theme was the same: Diana's affair with Dodi Fayed, an Arab and Muslim, went against the prejudices of the British establishment.

Columnist Anis Mansour, offering no substantiation, put it directly in the Cairo daily Al-Ahram:

"She was killed by British intelligence to save the monarchy. ... Nobody since Cromwell, who called for a republic in the 17th century, has been able to shake the royal family as Princess Diana did."

One Arab government — Moammar

Qadhafi's virulently anti-Western regime in Libya — even joined in the conspiracy theories.

Libya's official JANA news agency quoted Libya's human rights commission as saying "only children believe that it (Diana's death) was an accident." It accused Britain of "setting up the accident" and France of carrying it out.

The British Foreign Office in London said a formal letter of protest was being sent to the Libyan government.

"Obviously, we are aware of these absurd allegations made by Qadhafi and find them extremely distasteful," said a Foreign Office spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The accusations seemed to stem more from many Arabs' belief they are looked down on by the West than from anything in the facts of Diana's death — along with the Egyptian-born Fayed — early Sunday in a car crash in Paris.

Driver trained by Mercedes

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Most car companies, including Mercedes-Benz, offer training courses to sharpen driving skills on how to avoid crashes, recover from a skid, or even out-manuever an aggressive pursuer, a Mercedes spokesman said Tuesday.

Spokesman Wolfgang Inhester, made the comment after news reports said Henri Paul, the driver of an armored Mercedes who crashed Sunday killing Princess Diana, himself and her companion, had been trained by Mercedes to operate such a vehicle.

"Even if he did receive training from Mercedes, I would not be allowed to tell you because of privacy laws,"

Inhester said. "We're not even allowed to say a prominent person drives a Mercedes without getting that person's permission."

But the spokesman explained that people taking the driver's course are taught everything from how to correctly adjust their seat and position hands on the steering wheel, to emergency braking and steering maneuvers to avoid a crash or get away from a pursuer.

"There are two hours of theory and four hours of practical exercises," during the one-day course, Inhester said in a telephone interview from his office in Stuttgart.

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Russian students bring multiculturalism to MU

by Angela Page
copy editor

This semester, Mansfield University is once again playing host to international exchange students from Volgograd University, Russia.

According to Dr. Celeste Burns Sexauer, director of multicultural affairs at MU, five students and one professor arrived in Mansfield from Russia ready to experience the educational and cultural opportunities of the U.S.

According to Sexauer, only one of the five students, Lillya Bormotova, has participated in Mansfield University's Russian foreign exchange student program before. The other students, Liubov Chabanova, Maxim Ponomarev, Dmitry Golubev, Oleg Komogortsev, and professor Nickolai Omelchenko, all of Volgograd University, are new to the program.

"My first year was difficult in

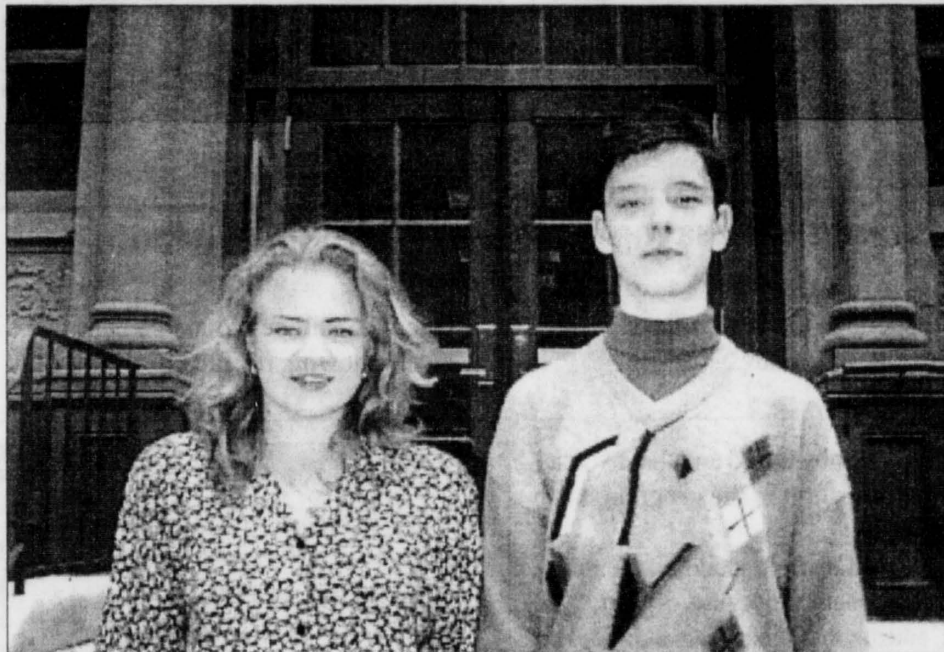


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Pictured above are two of the Russian exchange students on campus this year

respect to language, but the second time has been much easier," Bormotova said. "It is easier to work for my diploma in

the states. There is better technology and more information."

According to Omelchenko, he

has found many reasons to teach here in the United States and is happy to find that American students can understand and learn from him.

"I like the mountains, mornings... the goodness of American people and their friendly jest," Omelchenko said.

Komogortsev, when asked why he came, replied, "I came because I would like to know the English language. It is quite different from Russian."

Komogortsev also has a second agenda as to his visit here, one of cultural diversity.

"I want to introduce new computer programs to the university," Komogortsev says, adding that he feels that the U.S. does not provide enough diversity regarding computer programs.

He adds, however, despite his

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MU considers student exchange program with Canada

by Josh Cusatis
news editor

Mansfield University is currently involved in talks concerning a possible exchange program with the University of Guelph in Canada.

According to Dr. Larry Biddison, director of the Canadian studies program at MU, no formal contract has been written between the two universities as of yet.

"The outlook that we will have a program set up is very good," Biddison said. "Both parties are very interested."

Biddison said that there will be a meeting between the two schools next week to draw up more plans.

"Dr. (Joseph) Moore (provost for MU) and I are going up to Guelph next week to meet with their administration," Biddison said.

According to Biddison, students could be going to and coming from Guelph as soon as fall of 1998.

"Both parties are committed to

getting this thing drawn up as soon as possible," Biddison said. "Students could be here as soon as next fall."

According to Dr. Celeste Burns Sexauer, director of multicultural affairs for MU, Dr. Robert Timko, philosophy professor at MU, is currently on sabbatical at the University of Guelph.

"He's the one who has been very important in this process for us," Sexauer said. "He carried some written material up there for us."

Rod Kelchner, president of MU, feels that an exchange program with Guelph has more benefits for MU than some students may think.

"This is really a three dimensional partnership," Kelchner said. "The first thing is that our Canadian studies department will benefit greatly and we are already one of the leading schools in Canadian studies. The second is the students that will take advantage of this program. The students that go will experience an environment that is different from our own and the students that will come here will expose us to different



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Downtown Guelph, location of Guelph University

ideas."

Kelchner said that the biggest draw students at Guelph will have to come to MU will be the experiences that they would live through.

"The beauty of the exchange is that students will have the opportunity

to experience a different environment then what they normally know," Kelchner said. "There's a lot of enrichment for a student to get. They may love

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Annual meeting between Chancellor's office and the office of the president takes place

Thomas A. Jones
wire editor

On Sept. 5th, 1997 the annual meeting between the Chancellor's Office and the President's office took place.

According to Scott Miller, Mansfield University Press writer and editor, each year the Chancellor's office schedules a meeting with the President of each SSHE University.

"This meeting was merely Mansfield University's planning session," said Miller.

This annual institutional meeting was a good meeting and exchange of information according to President Kelchner who will be retiring in May.

"It was an exchange of information meeting," said Kelchner. "It was held to bring them up to date."

Kelchner said that every topic that was discussed was particularly sig-

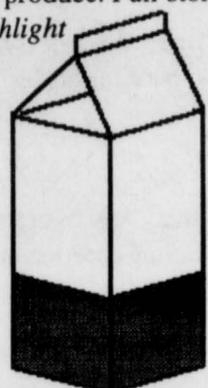
nificant, although the meeting was rather routine.

"There were no surprises," Kelchner said. "The meeting follows a set format. The system office sends a list of topics to the school, and that is what is discussed."

According to Kelchner, issues that dominated the meeting included the Good Neighbor Policy, Buildings on Campus, the Golden Rule (New Fitness and Recreation Center) Recruitment.

Slice of America

Dairy farmers receive an average of \$.55-.65 for every half gallon of milk they produce. Full story in next weeks Flashlight



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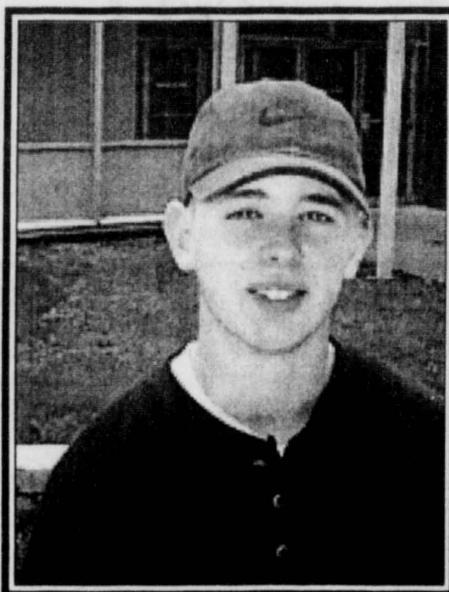
"What characteristics would you like the next president of Mansfield University to possess?"

by Megan Sallade



Lauren Graeber
Freshman

"Someone who's involved in the school and cares about the students."



Jason Walasavage
Freshman

"Someone in touch with the student body."



Asami Murao
Senior

"One who will be around campus showing his face."



Kimberly Linder
Junior

"Someone that has the same one-on-one contact with the students as Kelchner."

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pleasure with America, he does not want to work in the U.S. after he graduates. "Maybe I'll make computer programs in Russia. The U.S. uses mostly Microsoft and there are so many more," he says.

Sexauer believes "the Volgograd program has brought a lot to MU with cultural diversity," and that the "Russian students are really well accepted." According to her the students bring a range of diversity to the natives of Mansfield that they normally wouldn't experience if the program didn't exist.

However, Sexauer feels that the

program is imbalanced and that MU student participation in the program is too low.

"Mansfield students are reluctant to go mainly because of cost," she said, adding that it can cost a student up to \$1,000 extra to participate in the program. The main reason for the extra charge being attributed to airfare and excursions to Moscow and St. Petersburg.

According to Sexauer, the university is always searching for new exchange programs from different areas.

"My goal for this year is to finalize programs in Queensland, Costa Rica, and Guelph," Sexauer said.

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it or they may hate it but how do you know if you don't try it?"

Student interest in an exchange program to the University of Guelph seems positive.

"It sounds like a very good cultural experience," MU sophomore Kim Cady said.

MU sophomore Jody Miller said her reasons for wanting to attend

Guelph would be academic.

"If their program was better than ours and I was still only going to pay tuition to Mansfield, I would definitely go," Miller said.

According to the University of Guelph Internet home page, the school was founded in 1964 and is, "a leader in Canadian education." The school is located 100 km west of Toronto and 120 km northwest of Niagara Falls.

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18:15 Officer Patterson requested assistance on E. Elmira St. with a domestic dispute. I arrived on scene and assisted separating and interviewing the parties involved.

22:20 Officer Patterson requested assistance with an overdose at

204 St. James apartment. Arrived on scene and assisted officer and ambulance crew in dealing with individual.

09/08/97

00:10 Boy friend, girl friend dispute

01:05 Officer Wheeler requested assistance with a domestic at 55 N. Main St.

09/09/97

19:00 Medical Asst. student suffered back injury during cheerleading practice.

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Criminal mischief: Vehicle damaged in A-parking lot.

ΣΤΤ seeks closure with memorial service

by Darren A. Meehan
managing editor

A memorial service for Carmen Scicchitano has been scheduled for Saturday as brothers from Sigma Tau Gamma, his fraternity, cope with the loss.

According to ΣΤΤ's president, Mike "Shitty" Kint, Scicchitano died in his sleep last Wednesday night and the cause of his death is still unknown. Meanwhile, the brothers and friends he left at Mansfield University cope with his death and try to find a way of honoring his memory.

ΣΤΤ raised money over the weekend for a bus that will transport them to the service. According to Kint, the excess money will go toward a scholarship fund in Scicchitano's name.

"Tuesday and Thursday we got together and had a good talk. We talked about things Carmen would have liked us to do," he said. "We began raising money for a scholarship fund in his name."

Along with raising money for the scholarship, two of Scicchitano brothers in the fraternity, Tony Confer and Adrian Kulp, are expected to do readings at the memorial service.

Some of the brothers wrote statements to the Flashlight concerning the effect Scicchitano's death has had on them.

Tom "Smiley" Harner, Rush Chairman of ΣΤΤ, wrote, "To Carmen my friend and Big Brother, I will always remember the times we spent together."

"Our greatest glory is not in never falling but rising every time we do," Bob Kling, Social Chairman of ΣΤΤ, wrote.

Zeinul "Zein" (pronounced Zane) Dudah graduated in the Spring of '97 and currently lives outside the United States. In a letter faxed to his brothers at ΣΤΤ, Dudah said, "Carmen was a great and unique individual whose warm personality touched everyone's life with happiness. I truly feel that a part of the fraternity has gone with him."

Dudah also wrote that his friend's death, "was so unexpected it hasn't fully sunk in yet."

The uncertainty about how he died continues to trouble brothers within the fraternity. Kint hopes to find out someday how the August '97 Business Administration graduate died but said one of the only possibilities left is that he died from a seizure.

"The hardest thing is that the autopsy didn't show anything. There is no



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Adrian Kulp (shown right with Scicchitano) is expected to speak at the memorial service. Scicchitano died in his sleep last week of unknown causes.

cause of death," he said. "An older person who dies of a heart attack, there is a (cause of death). There was no reason for this. All they can point to is a seizure."

Kint added that substance abuse did not appear to have played a part in the untimely demise of the 25 year-old who recently celebrated his

birthday on August 10.

The service will be held at Saints Peter and Paul's Greek Orthodox church in Mount Carmel at 1 o'clock pm on Saturday, September 13. All are invited to attend the service. For information call 662-7275 or contact any ΣΤΤ brother.



photo by Sallade

Aleta Wynn Yarrow, whose artwork is currently featured in the North Hall Gallery, stands beside one of her paintings. Her landscape exhibit, Works on Paper, runs through September and the Gallery is open Monday-Friday 10 am -5 pm.

Storytelling Festival returns to the campus

All information provided by Scott Miller,
MU Public Relations Department



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Shown is Jay O'Callahan, famous Irish storyteller. O'Callahan headlines an impressive list of presenters. The Storytelling Festival has been a part of MU for 17 years.

Featured Speakers for the 17th Annual Northern Appalachian Storytelling Festival are Jay O'Callahan, Jim May, Diane Ferlatte, Robin Moore and Susan Klein.

FRIDAY- All tellers featured at 7:30 pm \$7 general admission, \$6 students and seniors

Special Ghost Story show at 10:30 pm \$3 admission

SATURDAY- Kids Show 1:00 pm, with O'Callahan and May

Diane Ferlatte with "Sapelo" at 2:30 pm admission to both shows \$5

All tellers - 8:00 pm \$7 general admission, \$6 students and seniors

SUNDAY- Sacred Storytelling, free to all at 8:00 am.

O'Callahan is conducting a two day workshop Thursday and Friday for young students and teachers. The fee is \$135. Moore and May are also offering a masters class for \$35 or \$60 for both sessions on the same days.

Call 662-4781 for further information and reservations. Read next week's Flashlight for a complete review of the festival.

Office of Residence Life tests possible RA curfew policy

by Krissy Dennis
features editor

The residence life staff has implemented a temporary curfew for all Resident Assistants effective until next month. According to Michael Lemasters, director of Residence Life, the plan is designed to provide better protection for the residence halls.

The plan calls for all RA's to be in their rooms by 1am. If an RA is unable to be there they must leave notice with the RA who is on duty that night, or the missed time can be docked from their allotted vacation days, Lemasters said.

"We felt we needed a better sense of what staff is available overnight," Lemasters said. "If a situation occurs, they will know who is there and who is not."

According to Lemasters, the new plan is a change in procedure designed to better organize the residence halls' staff members.

"We are just trying to be a little bit more structured," Lemasters said. "To me it is a kind of a job responsibility."

The new plan is a way to have staff presence in residence halls at all times, Lemasters said. At the end of the trial period the residence life staff members will discuss the plan and possibly come up with an alternative arrangement.

"I have a lot of confidence that if RA's feel this is a better way to do things, they will say it does work," Lemasters said.

According to Mansfield University President Rod Kelchner, the curfew is a positive addition, which comes in response to the changing demands of the job.

"It seems like an intelligent thing to do," Kelchner said. "If the person in charge (ADRL) thinks they have

someone in place and then find they do not, that can lead to situations that are not very conducive to safety."

According to Lemasters, the term curfew is too harsh of a word for the new plan.

"They (RA's) perceive it as a curfew. We perceive it as additional coverage in the residence halls," Lemasters said.

Colin Wilson, a resident assistant in Maple Hall, feels the new plan has not worked as it was intended to do.

"My personal belief is that the intentions are well felt, but it is not working," Wilson said. "It fails miserably in its goal."

Wilson stated one of the drawbacks was having to plan ahead of time. For example, if you wanted to go to Dunkin Donuts at 2 am it would be impossible.

Nicole Norton, a resident assistant in Laurel Manor, expressed frustration about the curfew, and feels that it infringes upon her already busy schedule.

"Most days I am in by 1 am," Norton said. "I don't like someone telling me when to be in by."

According to Norton, many RA's feel dissatisfied with the new proposal.

"Most of the RA's I've talked to are very upset about having a curfew imposed on them," Norton said.

"I have eighteen credits. When I am not in class or eating, I am on my floor," Norton said. "They talk about needing community on the floor. What community can you have at 1 am?"

The new plan will last until next month, and then be reviewed by the staff and resident assistants in order to establish a new schedule.

"By the end of the semester we will have tried a couple different things," Lemasters said.



World News Review

Sinn Fein formally enters peace talks

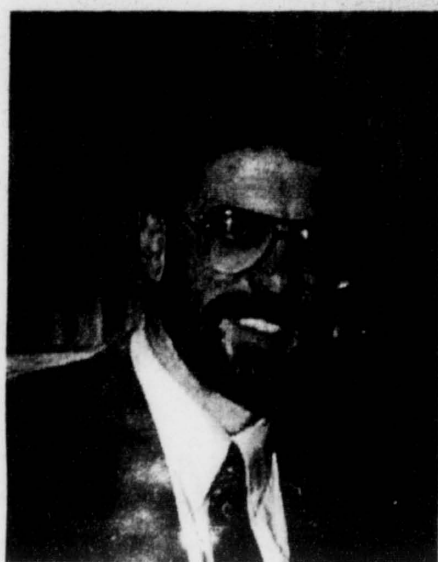


Photo Provided
Gerry Adams
leader of Ireland's Sinn Féin

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Sinn Féin entered Northern Ireland's negotiating process today and renounced the use of violence for political purposes.

The unprecedented move by the IRA-allied party, 51 days after the Irish Republican Army stopped its campaign against British rule of Northern Ireland, is a key step toward bringing all factional leaders to the same negotiating table.

Irish republicans have previously negotiated directly with the British government. Now, for the first time, Sinn Féin is involved in talks on Northern Ireland's future that can involve up to nine other parties and the Irish government as well.

"This is a watershed. There is an expectation and understanding out there of the importance of this moment," said Sinn Féin leader Gerry Adams, whose party gets about 16 percent support in Northern Ireland.

But the five party leaders of Northern Ireland's pro-British Protestant majority refused to attend today's deliberations at Stormont, the British government head-

quarters in east Belfast.

The Ulster Unionists, Northern Ireland's largest party, will decide Saturday whether to participate in talks that include Sinn Féin.

In a statement, the party called Sinn Féin's move "a charade," and noted that since 1985, Sinn Féin members have made anti-violence pledges when they take seats in local councils, yet still back the IRA.

Negotiations began at Stormont in June 1996 under the direction of former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell but excluded Sinn Féin because of continuing IRA violence.

Behind closed doors today, Adams, Sinn Féin's chief negotiator Martin McGuinness and party secretary Lucilita Bhreathnach agreed to Mitchell's six conditions for taking part. These specify that the IRA and pro-British paramilitary groups should start disarming during negotiations, a condition that Sinn Féin still considers surrender.

Sinn Féin's director of publicity, Jim Gibney, said the group supports disarmament but only after a negotiated settlement is reached.

"Today's events will indicate to people that things are changing very dramatically. It is in a sense a new era," said Paul Murphy, the British government's political development minister in Northern Ireland.

"I believe people outside these buildings, outside Stormont, are of the view that enough is enough, and that change must come," Murphy said. "But that change must be change which encompasses everybody's aspirations, and which will last for generations."

Sinn Féin did reject a central premise of the negotiations, which is not one of the six points.

Suspected Saudi Arabian bomber may be extradited

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saudi Arabia has asked the United States to extradite a Saudi suspected of involvement in a 1996 bombing that killed 19 American servicemen, the official Saudi Press Agency reported.

The request was made by Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Washington, Prince Bandar bin Sultan, the agency said late Monday.

Prince Bandar said the investigation into the blast in the eastern city of Khobar was continuing and asked the United States to extradite Saudi citizen Hani al-Sayegh to his country, the agency reported.

The U.S. Justice Department said Monday that it was dropping charges

against al-Sayegh because of a lack of evidence and was considering extraditing him to Saudi Arabia.

Al-Sayegh reneged on a deal to tell U.S. authorities all he knew about the Khobar Towers bombing and plead guilty to a separate 1994-95 conspiracy, never carried out, to kill Americans in Saudi Arabia.

At the time he was in custody in Canada fighting deportation to Saudi Arabia. The 28-year-old Shiite Muslim says he has been involved in political protests against the Saudi ruling family and fears he will be executed if returned there.

Al-Sayegh's lawyers claim he had nothing to do with the June 19 bombing of Khobar Towers, a dormitory housing U.S. forces.

Madeleine Albright aims for a safe Israel

JERUSALEM (AP) — Recovering from the bombing that lodged nails near his spleen and heart, a Brooklyn teenager had just one message Tuesday for Secretary of State Madeleine Albright when she visits Israel: "Keep this place safer."

Avi Elishis, 17, was among a half-dozen U.S. citizens wounded in the triple suicide bombing last week on a Jerusalem pedestrian mall. Albright was scheduled to visit some of the patients on Wednesday.

Elishis' friend, 19-year-old Daniel Miller of Miami, who was hit by shrapnel and glass, had a grimmer conclusion: Give up the peace process.

"It's like trying to make peace with Hitler," he said Tuesday.

Five Israelis and three suicide bombers died in the attack, claimed by the Islamic militant group Hamas. Afterwards, Israel declared it was no longer bound by agreements to hand over more West Bank land to the Palestinians — threatening to scuttle the already moribund peace process.

One Canadian Jew wounded in the bombing, 25-year-old Sherri Wise, urged Albright to do her best to save the peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

"Please try to find a way," she said. "Neither one of us are going to leave this country."

Wise said the Palestinians "don't understand that if they keep bombing us, we're going to have to retaliate."

Wise came to Israel last month to learn more about her heritage and to

work as a volunteer dentist with underprivileged children. She will return to native Winnipeg on Saturday — a week earlier than she had planned.

Since last Thursday's bombing, "I don't know if I would want to come back here so quickly," she said.

Wise was sitting with her friend Gregg Salzman, a 25-year-old chiropractor from East Brunswick, N.J., at a cafe when the bombs exploded, throwing them out of their seats.

"It's like trying to make peace with Hitler,"

Daniel Miller of Miami

Salzman, who moved here in July 1996, is hospitalized with burns on his arms, hands and face. He said Tuesday that the course of the peace process needs to change.

"Innocent people are getting hurt and killed," he said. "It's a two-way street. If it's not a two-way street, it's not going to work."

Hundreds of Israelis have visited Salzman in the hospital.

"I saw a side of Israel that's caring and that's warm," Salzman said. "It strengthens my convictions."

Miller and Elishis, students at a Jerusalem rabbinical school, were also at a cafe when the bombs exploded.

"They literally had just lifted their hands to drink a toast to a wonderful year," said Miller's father, Moshe, who came from Florida to be with his son. "Before they got the soda to their lips, the bomb went off."

Zapatista nationalists will march on Mexico City

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — Four years ago, Zapatista rebels shocked Mexico by seizing five southern towns and vowing to march on Mexico City. On Tuesday, they begin that march — but without guns and struggling to stay in the national spotlight.

President Ernesto Zedillo didn't even mention the conflict in his state-of-the-nation address a week ago. Rebel supporters say their caravan and week-long stay in the nation's capital will show Zedillo they are still an important part of the national agenda.

To demand that Zedillo implement an agreement his negotiators signed 19 months ago, representatives from more than 1,000 villages supporting the Zapatista National Liberation Army began arriving here Monday from thatched-roofed and rough-board homes in distant mountains and jungles throughout Mexico's southernmost state, Chiapas.

About 1,500 men and women had arrived by mid-day, wearing hand-woven blouses and shirts and white cotton trousers rolled to the knee that marked their highland Indian origins.

All wore red bandanas or dark ski-masks over their faces.

About 50 pick-ups and stake-side trucks that had transported the rebels blocked a section of the city's outer loop, while sympathetic taxi drivers closed the road to traffic.

"Thanks to them, we have a new consciousness as Indians. We have the same

needs as they have," said driver Juan Gomez, 24.

Police said they would escort the convoy to prevent problems.

On Tuesday, the rebels embark on a four-day journey to take their demands to the ceremonial seat of government, the National Palace on Mexico City's main plaza.

They will also demand that an estimated 25,000 to 40,000 federal troops leave the heavily militarized state.

Supporters hope their presence at a national congress of the Zapatista National Liberation Front, the rebels' fledgling civilian wing.



FBI Sketch

The second suspect in the Oklahoma City Bombing, John Doe #2 was sighted leaving the Bomb Blast by a witness who testified before a Grand Jury on Tuesday

Campus Bulletin Board

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Meeting

Tuesday, 9-9 @ 12:30
South Hall, Room 404
Orientation & Planning
for 1997-1998

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NOTICE

1998-99 Student Teachers Pre-Registration Meeting

Art Education

When: 9-9-97

Where: Allen Hall, Rm. 111

Time: 12:30-1:30pm

Special Education

When: 9-18-97

Where: Retan, Rm. G-2

Time: 12:30-1:30pm

Elementary & Secondary

When: 9-30-97

Where: Grant - Planetarium

Time: 12:30-1:30pm

Music Education

When: 9-23-97

Where: Butler, Rm. 102

Time: 12:30-1:30pm

El Club de Espanol

Next meeting:

Tuesday, Sept. 16 @ 1pm in BH02

The Shinko-Ryu karate club will meet @3:30 on tuesday

Workshops for organization Treasurers originally scheduled for September 15th & 16th have been canceled. They will be rescheduled at a later date. Details to be announced as information becomes available

If you have anything to be announced on these pages, submit them to the Flashlight Office or call Cindy @ x4986

Announcing a new book reading for anyone interested...

We will be reading a series of short books about:

Memoirs of famous travelers, war & peace, drama, tragedy, heroes, love (and sex) murder, betrayal, history, geography, astrology, prophecy, classic poetry, and much more...

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The Bible.

Meet in Pinecrest 107 at 2pm
or call Barry at 662-4545

Applications for the "at-large" positions for the Committee Of Finance are now available at Room 516 North Hall. The deadline for submitting applications for these positions are Wednesday, September 17th. Applications are also available for the new student senator position for the Student Government Association. The deadline date for submitting applications for this position is Friday, September 19th.

SGA says... if you go to 1890's weekend, bring your student I.D., and get in for free!!!

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Looking on the bright side of things

Another semester already in full swing, the Flashlight once again returns for the students and the community. You will find many things have changed over the summer. For starters, our personnel slowly began expanding this semester and we hope it continues. With all these new people, it should get easier for us to concentrate on publishing a sound newspaper week in, week out.

Second, we're dedicating ourselves to providing the students a quality newspaper they can be proud of. With the cooperation of the entire student body and the entire faculty, we should be able to produce an award winning, quality piece of journalism.

Our goal is to completely transform the Flashlight of the past into the Flashlight of the future. And so it is that this week's editorial varies from the norm. For those who yearn for an editorial that questions the administrative decisions made on the students behalf we say, "Don't worry, that will be back next week."

Normally, this space is reserved for the editorial board of the Flashlight to sound off about any issues we feel are not being addressed sufficiently or things we think the students should know about. From time to time you will find something here that interests you or affects you.

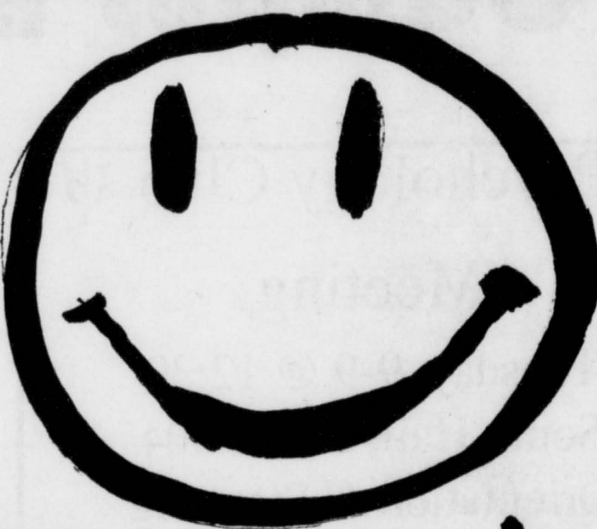
We try not to write negative editorials every week, but it is easier writing with passion when the issue infuriates the writer.

We, the editorial board of the Flashlight, would like to take this space and time to thank the people of this University and to acknowledge the good work and efforts of this campus community:

1. The new Recreation Center, located across the street from Cedarcrest, is a beautiful facility complete with all the latest in weight training and aerobic facilities. The many courts for basketball, indoor soccer and the other sports show that the University wants to help the students in their physical fitness pursuits by providing them with variety.
2. The many road repairs made throughout the campus help both the students who live on and around the campus as well as the commuter students. The money the administration invested will save students and faculty countless dollars on alignment repairs and tire damage.
3. The new Wendy's fast food restaurant located downtown brings more variety for our dollars. (Now all we need is a Taco Bell!)
4. Once again, our University welcomes diversity as they provide more Russian educators and/or students with which we can interact. Despite the thousands of miles separating our worlds, it is good to know that our administration encourages diversity. It is good to know that even after last years disaster abroad we are still trying to mend the pains cause by the Cold War.
5. The respect the students and others who use North Hall give the new facility surely is gratifying to both the administration and to the student body. It is good to know that the University can trust us to act like adults and treat common property with dignity and respect and not fear vandalism and others acts of childishness.

The Editorial Board examines different campus situations each week through objective criticism. It is at this end that we have taken this time to extend a note of gratitude to show that we notice both the bad and the good.

The
Flashlight →



Take a picture.
This won't last long.
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Student tackles parking situation

To the Flashlight,

During the past couple of years there have been many complaints regarding the parking situation here on campus. While the complaints are valid there is no effort being made to change the current situation. Moreover, the new police Chief Christine Shegan said the police "will keep an eye on parking." This did not sound like she intended to modify the situation but instead to enforce the old system. Lets make a change now.

Drive around campus.

It is obvious where new parking areas could be simply painted in, no asphalt would need to be added. If this was done, more that 100 new spots could be added, saving the student body more than \$500 per day. I know the police department is insensitive to this, as is the administration. The bureaucratic shuffling must end. I suggest that the student government retain an attorney and threaten a class action suit. If there is no response then the class action should be filed. This is not as expensive as one might think

and is do-able.

I am planning to make a video of the areas that I have seen that would be good for more parking. I will be sending a copy to the Provost and Administration. If you are fed up with too many tickets, channel some of your anger and help me produce this video. We can make a difference. If you have any comments or questions you can e-mail me at marcusj5@epic.net.

Jon Marcussen

This space is reserved for you!

If you wish to speak your mind on any thing that is happening here at MU, write us a letter here at 217 Memorial Hall. This is an official notice to all people who complain that they don't have a say. You do now, so put up or shut up.

Letters to the Editor Policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we?

In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The *Flashlight* reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the *Flashlight* office, 217 Memorial Hall, Monday through Friday, or mailed to the above address.

Commentary policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary you may turn it in to the *Flashlight* office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writer's name, major, class and phone number. Non-students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week, we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

Commentary

U.S. troops in Bosnia told to kill in defense

by John Diamond

WASHINGTON (AP) — As aggression by rebel Serbs in Bosnia becomes more frequent, a gap is growing between the tough rhetoric coming from top U.S. officials and the restraint Army soldiers are showing in the field.

U.S. military officials declare that American forces will defend themselves if provoked. Gen. Wesley Clark, the four-star Army general heading the NATO operation, said U.S. and allied forces would use "all means necessary including lethal means" to protect themselves. And Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said of rebel Serbs, "We need to put more pressure on them."

In the three most recent encounters, however, rather than fighting back, U.S. forces have withdrawn from key positions, raising questions about what the Pentagon policy is in Bosnia. Indeed, those questions reflect a division within the Clinton administration itself and among the NATO allies on how to counter politically orchestrated mobs of rebel Serb nationalists.

The debate has implications far beyond the isolated police barracks, bridges and television towers in Bosnia that have been the most recent battlegrounds. At stake is one of President Clinton's chief foreign policy initiatives, a \$7.5 billion gamble, backed by U.S. and allied troops, that the Western alli-

ance can bring peace to the Balkans.

Until this summer, the NATO military command, under Army Gen. George Joulwan, was the leading voice of caution and restraint, while the State Department pushed for a harder line. Clark, Joulwan's successor, has staked out a tougher position, both in briefing Pentagon reporters and in face-to-face meetings with Serb leaders.

"If our soldiers are placed in a position where it's necessary for them to defend themselves, for which they certainly have the means and the authority, they will do so," Clark said.

Those words have yet to translate into action despite increasing provocations by mobs orchestrated by rebel nationalist Serbs under the control of indicted war criminal Radovan Karadzic.

In late August, 18 American soldiers refrained from firing on a rock-throwing mob near the town of Brcko, one of the most hotly contested towns in the long-running Bosnian ethnic conflict. Commanders awarded the soldiers decorations for their restraint.

Days later, U.S. troops as part of the NATO Stabilization Force, or SFOR, again withdrew under pressure after a mob challenged their position guarding a television tower that was contested between rival Serb factions. The Americans withdrew after Bosnian Serb hard-liners agreed to halt anti-NATO broadcasts from the tower.

And on Thursday, U.S. troops withdrew from a key bridge in Brcko,

trying to calm tensions before local elections across Bosnia.

White House and Pentagon officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, tried to put the best face on these encounters, saying that SFOR was opting for "mobile patrols" rather than holding static positions.

The 1995 Dayton, Ohio, peace accords signed by the factions committed all sides to establishing an uneasy coalition state and to turning in war criminals. But the accords have not always been followed to the letter, particularly where suspected war criminals are concerned.

"There is still clearly a hard core of people who can be brought out on a basis of race hatred or sheer Serbian chauvinism," said a senior White House official who spoke on condition of anonymity. "These guys are consciously staking out a position in opposition to Dayton and they're going to try to thump on us. In that case, SFOR has every reason to stand its ground, but they also have to use prudent judgment."

A senior defense official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, said there is a difference between retreat and restraint. The reason for restraint, the defense official said, is that NATO forces are there to reduce tension, not create it.

Lawmakers have been growing increasingly concerned that the United States is repeating the error it made in Somalia when it challenged a local clan and lost 18 servicemen in a firefight.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, in a letter to Defense Secretary William Cohen, said, "Our peacekeepers have been assigned the mission of doing something inherently not peaceful; a repeat of the major mistake we made in Somalia. We have chosen sides among competing Serb factions."

But Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., ranking Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee and co-author of a report on Somalia, said the analogy doesn't necessarily fit. In Somalia, there was no peace agreement to which varying factions could be held.

Nevertheless, Levin conceded, "there is some risk" of violence aimed at U.S. troops.

The Pentagon is seriously considering Levin's suggesting of using an Air National Guard jamming and broadcasting plane to replace inflammatory rebel Serb broadcasts in Bosnia with more balanced fare. And Shalikashvili says the allies are examining options for the kind of forces that would be necessary to capture indicted war criminals.

Ironically, the increasing willingness to use SFOR to pressure the rebel Serbs, a development that has lawmakers worried, may stem from the doubts about the Bosnia mission on Capitol Hill. Lawmakers have stated clearly they want the U.S. troop deployment to end in mid-1998 as promised by the Clinton administration. Under that deadline pressure, the senior defense official said, "we've got to use what we have available."

Tough times ahead for Gore presidential campaign

by Walter R. Mears

WASHINGTON (AP) — For Al Gore, this could be a hazardous autumn in the pursuit of the presidency, and he can't control the risks just ahead. Put a special prosecutor on the Democratic fund-raising case, and it probably would haunt him well into campaign year 2000, or longer.

Once installed, special prosecutors in high-profile cases don't hurry. And they can hurt a political figure without bringing charges, with what they say, and simply because their operations can keep a troublesome issue going.

The Iran-Contra counsel, whose final accusations hit George Bush just before the 1992 election, had been at it for seven years.

Gore's problem is in the process Attorney General Janet Reno began on Sept. 3, a preliminary review that may be the first step toward appointment of a special counsel into the political fund-raising calls he made from the White House, seeking Democratic donations for the 1996 elections. At least 46 connected, according to telephone records given Senate investigators early in August.

On a few occasions, I made some telephone calls from my office in the White House," Gore acknowledged five months earlier, after his role was disclosed.

But the number that counts now is six. Those calls from Gore produced \$120,000 in donations the party put into its campaign account, instead of using it for unregulated, party purposes. The Democrats say he wasn't told.

Candidate contributions are limited by law; the unrestricted donations to political parties are exempt.

Gore has said repeatedly that he did no wrong, asked only for lawful donations, and breached no rule by calling from the office because the practice is not forbidden to vice presidents or presidents.

He said he is confident the Justice Department review will find "what I did is legal and appropriate." He said long ago he wouldn't do it again.

Reno has had four special counsels appointed in cases involving top administration officials, most notably Whitewater, although President Clinton actually asked for that one himself. But she has resisted Republican demands for an outside prosecutor to deal with Democratic fund-raising excesses.

In doing so, she told the Senate Judiciary some of the money went to the campaign account, saying the transfer was unknown to Gore or to the donors, the admission undercut Reno's earlier argument against an independent counsel.

She made the distinction between soft and hard money unregulated and regulated donations central to her rejection of congressional demands for an outside prosecutor in the campaign fund-raising controversy.

That would have to be revised to say no to them again this fall.

It could be, on grounds that Gore didn't know about the use of the money. That is the vice president's answer on the illicit funds the Democrats took in when he visited a Buddhist temple in California in 1996, at what he says he didn't know was a fund-raising event.

At this point, it is politically awkward. With a special prosecutor on the case to keep raising questions and forcing replays, it would become far more damaging.

There are limits on the congressional investigations, the end of this year for the Senate inquiry, which could be extended only with Democratic acquiescence.

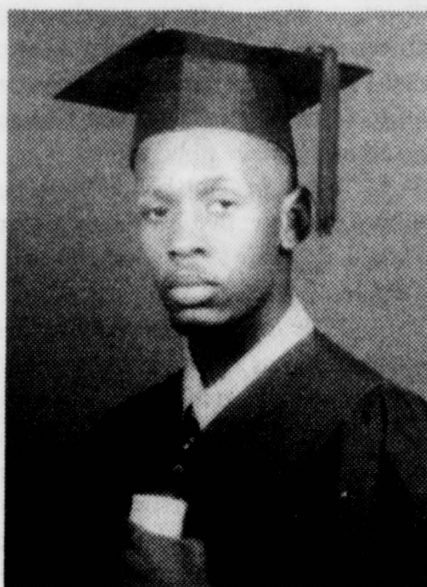
Special prosecutors set their own terms. The Whitewater case dates from early 1994, when Clinton yielded

to pressure and controversy, and told Reno to appoint a special counsel, although it wasn't Kenneth Starr. He came later.

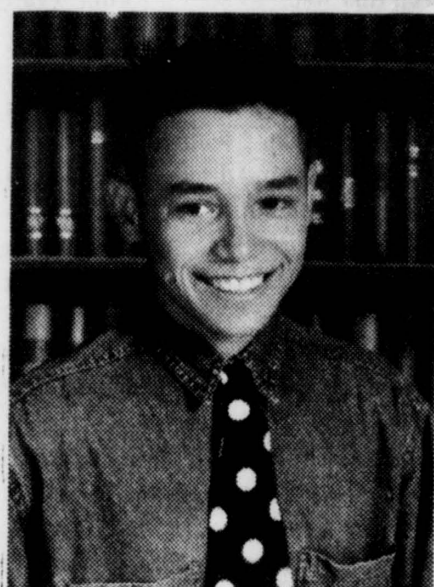
Their budgets are unlimited. Iran-Contra cost about \$48 million.

And while their assignments are spelled out when they are appointed by three-judge panels, one topic leads to another, as surely would happen in a Democratic fund-raising investigation.

All of which points to the political peril for the vice president.



Willie "Sunnie" Prevo
Graduating: June 4, 1992.
Killed: May 28, 1992
Cleveland, OH



Aaron Rodriguez
Ballplayer freshman year.
Little League Coach sophomore year.
Killed junior year.
December 28, 1993
San Antonio, TX

If you don't stop someone
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Why Marilyn Manson should expire from Earth

by **Krissey Dennis**
features editor

These past couple weeks have been pretty bizarre. Not a good bizarre. Just a scary, weird bizzare. Actually maybe freaky is a better word. I hate to beat a dead horse, but I feel I must.

First Princess Diana dies. I know, boring. It's been talked about endlessly. Except this morning on the news they are actually reporting that she had some last words. This, of course, comes from the paparazzi who stood around getting the best photo-op they have ever seen- Princess Di bleeding to death in a mangled car. Sure, we believe every word of it.

Anyway, the freaky part of it is that it was so shocking. So fast. Not only that, but her boyfriend dies right along with her. Isn't it romantic?? I guess you would say yes if you thought that sharing fatal, gruesome wounds is romantic. At least one will not have to live without the other, which in my opinion would be the worst thing one could ever live

through.

So, right when you think that it can't get any worse, BOOM!- Mother Theresa dies. Now here is a woman who is the very epitome of goodness. She was almost like a direct beam of something good from God. I don't think anyone could care more about people than she did.

I always said that when Mother Theresa dies the world is gonna go to hell in a handcart. I don't want to get all weird about this, but doesn't it seem like a bad omen? Let's see Mother Theresa dies, but Marilyn Manson is still kicking??? Where is the logic in that?

I guess if I'm gonna slam Mr. Manson I better clear up a few things. First of all, I don't claim to be pure in thought or action. I am sure that there are many things that I believe in that other people would say is crap. Oh, well.

Second, it has nothing to do with freedom of speech. I think everyone has the right to free speech. I just think Mr. Manson should be muzzled. No big deal!! IS THAT SO WRONG??

My real problem with him is

that he preaches all his crap to young impressionable kids. I think it is sad that these little ruggats have no choice set before them. Mr. Manson seems to have experienced alot. Maybe he really has some good reasons why he feels this way. I just think it sucks that some kids out there are only being exposed to what he thinks is the absolute truth.

Of course, it all comes down to religion. I can't really say that Manson shouldn't be allowed to express his opinion. He has a religion that he thinks is valid. Christians think that there religion is valid also. The only difference is that you aren't gonna get all depressed, pissed off, and gloomy if you choose to become a Christian. You may get judgmental, which some could say is just as bad. Personally I might have to agree.

When I was a kid I used to listen to Mo'ley Crue. You know, "Shout at The Devil". Obviously I turned out okay. I'm not sacrificing the squirrels on campus or anything. (Sidebar: going anywhere near those squirrels could be hazardous to your health. Those damn things are huge!!) I guess I grew out of

it. I found better things to listen to, like U2. Hell, even Tom Jones with his "What's new Pussycat?" song is better than Manson.

Manson is just a complete loser. I 'm done trying to give valid reasons why I think this. I'm just gonna go off! I think Manson is a sh*thead! (Boy this is liberating.) I also think that if he were to drop dead tomorrow nobody would really care.

Like I said, I turned out alright. At least I think I did. I actually had someone to kick my ass and say, 'What the hell are you listening to?' I also followed what my sister did. So when she ditched The Crue, so did I.

So you see, if these kids have clueless parents someone has to help them. That is why I am willing to extend my brainwashing services, for the first time ever, to anyone who is worried about their loved ones.

For a small fee I can turn that confused little friend of yours around, and give them a new leader (myself). Of course, this project will be alot more efficient when I get my hitman license!!

A plea to those who want to see book banning vanish, A call to action from your friendly Flashlight editor!!!!

by **Josh Cusatis**
banned editor

Currently, I'm enrolled in the class Communication Law which is required for all communication majors here at Mansfield University. This class deals with all of the law concerning printing and broadcasting. It goes beyond the issue of just the media and enters into all areas that concern the issue of free speech and expression.

On Monday, our class topic was the banning of books. More specifically, the banning of books in public high schools. Now I do realize that I might be biased because of my upbringing but my opinions are just as valid as anyone else's.

I'm going to use my column space this week to start a forum. I decided that, since this is a place of higher learning, I should, at least once, contribute to the learning and discussion on this campus. You can use my opinions as a starting ground and discuss this amongst yourselves or come to the Flashlight office and talk directly to me. Ideally, you can send us a Letter to the Editor and let the entire campus know your views.

Now I'll state my beliefs on this topic in the most boiled down form. I AM COMPLETELY AND TOTALLY AGAINST THE BANNING OF ANY BOOK IN ANY WAY. Now that that's out of the way I'll get further into my beliefs. I'll start with a little history to let you know why I feel this way.

As I was growing up, my parents encouraged me to read, but did not force it on me. Both my mother and father had read extensively for much of their lives and because of this, had quite a few books which they constructed a library in the basement of the house that I spent much of my childhood in. I had free reign over these books and was allowed to read anything that was there,

which was quite a bit.

I didn't take advantage of this opportunity as much as I would have liked to but still, I did read a number of those books. As a matter-of-fact, I didn't do a whole lot of reading until halfway through high school.

So, I started reading books and over the course of years. I began to learn what banning really was and which books were banned in one way or another. I started to develop a real anger towards book banning, which I still hold to this day.

The question you're asking yourself is that, considering the story I just told you, how was I "raised" to believe that book banning was wrong? Well, this is my answer. As I discovered for myself the atrocity that is known as book banning, I had numerous, offhand conversations with my parents about this subject. That's where I learned most of what I know is where my opinions began to form. The rest is what I taught myself and believe to be right.

That, in a nutshell, is how I developed the views that I will now present to you. I am going to go about this using examples.

The required text for Communication Law has a list of books that have been banned buried in it. As I was looking at this list I noticed that half of the books that are on it I own and are some of my favorite books. Now, I did know before this that 90 percent of the books that I own have been banned but every time that I see it in writing it becomes fresh in my mind. These are the times that I become belligerent about my beliefs.

Since in the class the situation that was used was high school banning I'll work in that context. I have no problem if my 15 year old son decides that he is going to read "Delta of Venus" by Anais Nin which is an erotic book. I do feel that he should not be allowed to read

it without someone there to discuss it with him to help make with interpretations and clarify certain things. This, unless I'm mistaken, is the job of a teacher. Like I said, teachers might be a little too busy to do their job. I guess I'll have to be there for my son when the time comes.

Another book that has been banned in the high school situation is "Catch-22" by Joseph Heller. I read this book when I was 19. I was about two years late by my opinion when I read this book but at least I did read it and was still young enough for it to be effective for me. I am grateful that I read this book when I did because it taught me quite a bit about bureaucracy and it's also very funny. What it taught me has been very helpful in my college career and will be for the rest of my life. If I had read it now I would have lost part of what it was trying to do for me. It sounds like the people in control are trying to ban books that make the masses think and realize what is going on around them.

Now, the most common argument that I've encountered this past week about this subject and my views concerns high school libraries. Many people have asked me, "But what about pornography? According to what you say, it's okay for that to be in the school libraries." My response to this is that pornography has no educational use by our standards in our school system. So why should it be there in the first place?

I'm not one for writing very good conclusions but this is where I'm going to put this one. If the ideas presented in this column seem incomplete there is good reason for that. I can't put all of what I know and feel into this column because it would be too long and convoluted and also I want to leave enough for interpretation so that this column will do what it was written to do.

Like I said, talk amongst your-

selves, talk to me or send us a letter to the editor. To get my attention come to 217 Memorial Hall. That's the Flashlight office. You can also send letters to that same address.

(Features editor note: Book banning, in its purest form, is repression. Like my esteemed associate pointed out, banning works of art, such as classical literature contributes to closed-mindedness, ignorance and can ultimately make you stupid.)

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CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

Fantastic trends should enable you to get more mileage out of your efforts by simply following your instincts. Both romance and financial gains are favored. Be prepared to cope with a sudden and unexpected development regarding a partnership; it will pass.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

Behind the scenes manipulations may be the key to getting ahead now where business and career aims are concerned. Be attentive to those to whom you mean alot; this may be more welcome than you think. Both creativity and romance are high.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

It's definitely a working week, and you may be tied down to chores or routine tasks while others seem to be having the time of their lives. Follow through on a project which you have been mulling over for some time - it's family or money related.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

Getting organized as early in the week as possible will assure successful results either in business or your personal life. There are various complications which show the need for a new approach to a current problem with a mate or a close associate.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)

Tread gently on the sensitive feelings of a mate or lover, comments may result in a fiery overreaction, so guard your manner and speech. Although you may be in the mood to have things go your own way, it's not time to insist on it - back off a bit.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

The work ethic is strong in you this week and you may feel compelled to take on a sizable project, or new self-improvement program. An on-the-job problem may also be a worry, but the prognosis will be good. Extra effort now will pay off.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

Your financial prospects look relatively good right now, although you may be on the brink of some large expenditure that will possibly change that monetary cushion swiftly. You may have to put in extra effort at work, with little to no thanks.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

Whether single and eligible, or married, you may discover that dreams really do come true in the love-and-marriage arena. Pursuing your heart's desires in a no-nonsense way keeps others on their toes, and can strengthen important ties.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

Give your best efforts to your job and health interests. Don't let others sidetrack you or go overboard about any private matters. The time is right to follow through on any financial dealings. You may be quite pleased with the results.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

This will be one of your better weeks on which relationships, financial interests, home and health matters all seem to be going smoothly. It is a gratifying time of personal accomplishment, for people around you seem to be receptive to your practical ideas.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:
You give the impression of being quiet and detached. With strong powers of attraction, you are also very selective in what you desire. You will attract exactly what you need and not much more. Try to start knocking down the walls you've put up.

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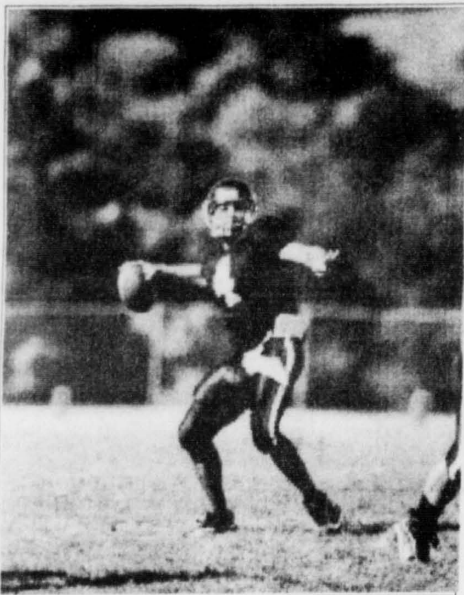
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Mountaineers lose home opener to S. Connecticut



Sophomore quarterback Lucas Smith looks to pass to sophomore tight end Bob Woodward. Smith was 14-41 on the day.

Jason Feather
Assistant Sports Editor

In a game marred by penalties and punts, the Mansfield Mountaineers wasted a huge effort by their defense and fell short to the Southern Connecticut State Owls, 20-7.

Mansfield's defense caused SCSU (1-0) into five turnovers, and allowed sophomore sensation running back, Rashaan Dumas to just four yards on five carries.

Dumas ended up having to leave the game with a sprained ankle in the second quarter.

Dumas' replacement, Charles

Softballers look to be competitive

by Tracy Strupp
sports writer

The Mansfield University softball team kick-off the fall season with a three game tournament this Saturday at SUNY-Oneonta.

Looking to improve on last season's 10-26 overall and 7-17 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) record, the Mounties have added seven new players to their fall roster.

With the return of junior pitcher Misxy Stock from major knee surgery and the addition of freshman Angie Crater, the Mounties look to strengthen their pitching staff, an area that has been troublesome for Mansfield in the past.

Losing only one starter from last season, the Mounties are relying on the experience of senior captains Jennifer Radichi and Melissa Tyson to make this year's team a contender in the PSAC.

Head coach Edith Gallagher anticipates the upcoming tournament this weekend which the Mounties went 2-1 in last Fall. "I plan to give all the new players time to see how they adjust to the college level and playing three games in one day."

Gallagher hopes the playing time this weekend sharpens the team's skills before they debut at home October 4th when they will host their own tournament at Iutes field

Thomas, rushed for 168 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Thomas' first touchdown came on SCSU's first handoff of the second half 52-yards for the score. His second score came later on in the third quarter, when he took a handoff 54-yards for the touchdown.

Mansfield's ineffectiveness on the offensive side of the ball is what led to the team's demise.

Mansfield had the ball inside the Southern Connecticut 36-yard line four times in the fourth quarter, including on the one and 15-yard lines on their final two possessions of the game but failed to score.

MU's defense gave its offense ample opportunities, but the lack of push off the ball by the offensive line created headaches all day for sophomore quarterback Lucas Smith and senior tailback Jason Donadi.

Donadi was held to just 54 yards on 21 carries, while Smith was 14 for 41 for 135 yards.

"We played like it was the first game of the season, and committed mental errors that might have cost us the game. But, I also saw a lot of positive things out there especially on defense," said head coach Joe Viadella.

MU's defense allowed just 269 yards of total offense to the Owls.

They also were responsible for

forcing three fumbles, and intercepting SCSU's senior star quarterback, Tom Kleine twice.

Kleine and the Owl passing game was ineffective against the Mountie secondary.

Freshman red-shirt, Haikkeen Stevens made his MU debut a sensational one, getting Mansfield on the board at the 12:33 mark in the second quarter.

Stevens recovered a fumble, and returned it for MU's only touchdown of the day.

He also intercepted a Kleine pass returning it to the end zone, but had it called back after a block in the back penalty was called against the Mounties.

The penalty against the Mounties tells the story of the entire game for both teams.

The penalties totaled up to 24 infractions between the two teams for 208 yards..

Barring the unfortunate circumstance of the penalty, Mansfield could have been in good condition while on their second to last drive.

Again the Mountie defense provided the spark.

Junior Pat Ginther, recovered a Kleine fumble on the SCSU

16-yard line.

That's when Mansfield's offense had the ball all the way down to



Tight end Bob Woodward dives for a pass from quarterback Lucas Smith.

the one yard line. Smith tried a sneak, he fumbled and SCSU recovered ending the MU threat.

Mansfield now has to pack up and move on as they travel to Westminster College this Saturday for a 1pm kick-off.

"We have to build on the things that we were successful at, and correct our mistakes in order to improve," Viadella said of this week's game against Westminster.

Catch all the action on GIANT 89.5 FM beginning at 12:30pm for the pregame show with Dave Pascal and myself.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOOTBALL away at Westminster: Saturday 1:00 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY away at Oswego Invitational: Saturday 12:00 p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY away at SUNY-Brockport: Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

BASEBALL away at Ithaca College: Sunday at 1:00 p.m.



Brian Oakes

Brian Oakes, a native of Covington and a graduate of North Penn High School, has been named full-time athletic trainer for the Mountaineers.

Oakes, a 1990 graduate of North Penn High School, earned his BS in Health Sciences from Lock Haven University in 1995 and was awarded his athletic trainer certification two months later. Oakes joined the athletic training staff at Lycoming college in August of 1995 and has served as full time assistant for the Warriors 19 intercollegiate programs.

A member of the national Athletic Trainer's Association, Oakes is also affiliated with the Pennsylvania Athletic Society.

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National Sports

Young cleared to play; no word yet on whether he'll start

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Steve Young, sidelined the past week by a concussion, received medical clearance Tuesday to resume playing.

The 49ers said in a statement that the 35-year-old Young, who has had three concussions in the last 10 months, got the go-ahead to play following a consultation Monday with his neurologist, Dr. Joseph Lacy. A brain scan taken last Thursday showed no abnormalities.

There was no word whether Young would start Sunday's home opener against the New Orleans Saints.

Coach Steve Mariucci was in the midst of installing the game plan and unavailable for comment Tuesday.

However, Mariucci said Monday he would consider starting rookie Jim Druckenmiller for a second straight week on the theory additional time off for Young might reduce the possibility of another concussion.

Young, who turns 36 next month, has acknowledged he can't keep taking damaging shots to the head and continue his football career. His agent, Leigh Steinberg, said another concussion would force Young to seriously consider retirement, something which members of his family have already urged him to do.

So far, Young has resisted those suggestions.

A second expert also reviewed the case and concurred with Lacy's conclusion that Young could return to the field, the team said Tuesday.

"By cleared, it's medically safe for him to play in the game, but he still needs to be closely monitored," Steinberg said. "But he's game and ready and frankly, rearing to play. If it's his decision, he'll play Sunday."

Young suffered the latest concussion when he was kneed in the head by line-backer Hardy Nickerson during San Francisco's season-opening 13-6 loss at Tampa Bay. The force of the blow knocked the helmet off Young's head.

In his absence last week, the 49ers beat the St. Louis Rams 15-12 with Druckenmiller making his first NFL start.

"We're taking every step that we can to be precautionary and do the right thing," Mariucci said at his Monday briefing, adding he may require Young to wear a protective mouthpiece while playing in hopes it would cushion the impact from a head-jarring hit.

"He loves to play the game. He's been to the top," Mariucci said. "He's been so good for so long. He wants to keep playing and keep playing well. How long can that last, who knows? But we're doing everything that we can and he's doing everything that he can to make sure that his health is not being put in jeopardy."

Ali peace award criticized

JERUSALEM (AP) — An Israeli group's plans to give former boxing champ Muhammad Ali an award for peace and tolerance prompted criticism Tuesday from some Israeli officials.

The Jewish-Arab Center for Peace at Kibbutz Givat Haviva in northern Israel plans to honor Ali, who converted to Islam in 1967, at a gala in New York City on Nov. 17.

"We wanted to award him for his efforts," said Sara Osatzky Lazar, the center's director. "He ... does a lot of educational work. He's become a symbol for peace."

Critics said the prize was inappropriate because of Ali's past criticism of Israel.

"I am astonished by Givat Haviva's disappointing decision. I remember Ali's terrible days, when ... hatred towards Israel and world Jewry dripped from his mouth," said Deputy Education Minister Moshe Peled.

Lazar maintained that while Ali "in the past he was more radical ... he has changed, and this is exactly what we are trying to do with our educational programs change people's minds."

The center was established in 1949 to promote coexistence in Israel between Jews and Arabs.

Field hockey begins season

special to the Flashlight

Last spring first year Head Coach Vickie Sax started a spring practice for the first time in Mountaineer field hockey history.

During the program the Mountaineers competed in several area tournaments. With this extra playing time and a strong group of incoming freshman, the Mounties are looking to improve on last year's 6-8 record.

Senior Heather Dittman captains this year's team. Last year, Dittman scored three goals at her midfield position.

Juniors Michelle Haydt and Tandy Carey will provide speed and experience at the other midfield positions. Freshmen Jamie Huffcut and Nicole Cortese will solidify the midfield.

Michelle Hosey, a junior, will lead the defense. Sophomores Jodi Benner and Robin Maher will add depth to the defense.

The goalkeeper spot will be the only question mark for the Mounties this season. Robin Adams, a four year starter, is gone as well as Missy Ehrlicher, Adam's backup. Jen Manton is the only keeper on the team with collegiate experience. Kim Osborn, a red-shirt freshman, will also vie for the goal-tender spot.

On the offensive side of the



Senior captain Heather Dittman will add her experience to the Mountaineer midfield. Dittman scored three goals last year for the Mounties.

ball, the Mountaineers return six of their nine returning starters. Shana Vitale, Mansfield's high scorer from last year, returns to lead the offense. Christy Sunchych will return this year from a knee injury to add depth to the offense. Renee Phillips and Alicia Schirato, both juniors, return to their forward positions as well.

The Mounties will open their season this Sunday at home against SUNY- Brockport.. Game time is set for 1:00p.m. at Spaulding field.

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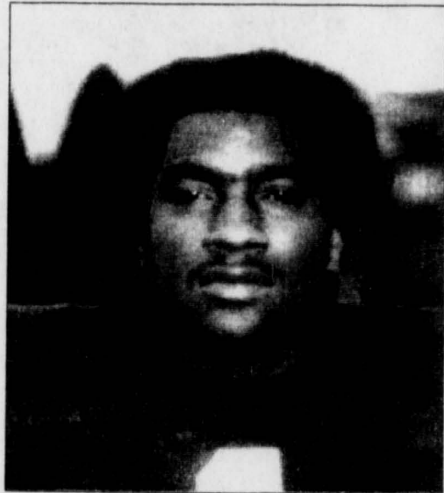
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The Mountaintop

Mountaineers at the top of their game



Haikeen Stevens, redshirt freshman, is this weeks Mountaineer Player of the Week.

Stevens had an interception and a fumble recovery for a touchdown in last week's game against the Southern Connecticut Owls. Stevens was first team All-state at his home town high school at Passaic, New Jersey. Stevens starts at the "Viper" safety spot.

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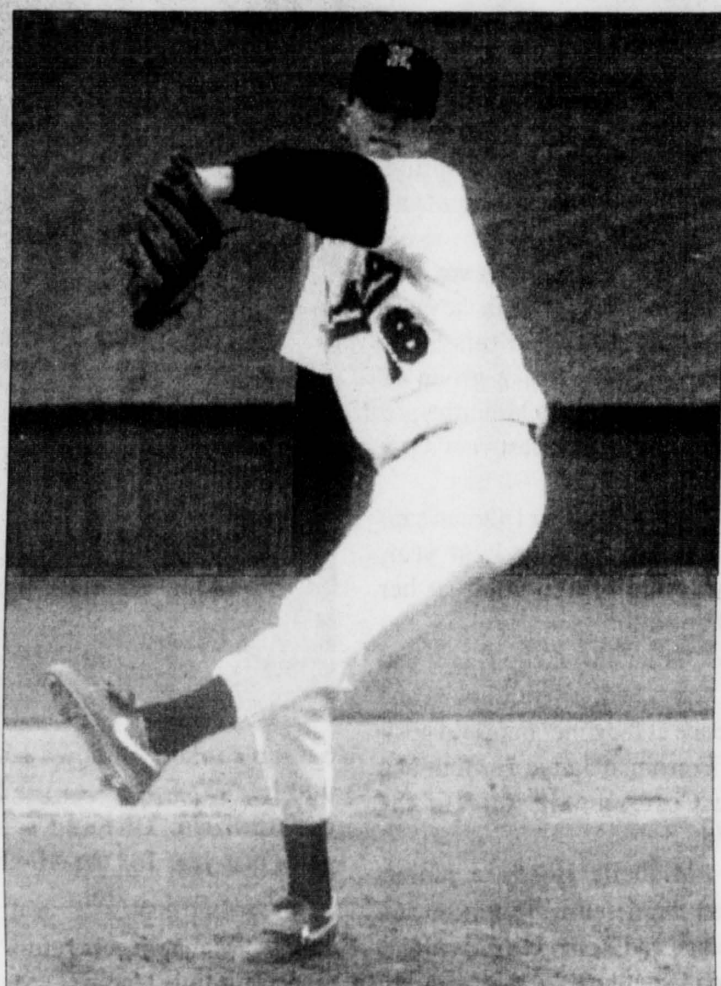


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All-American, Brad Crills, was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles in 1994.

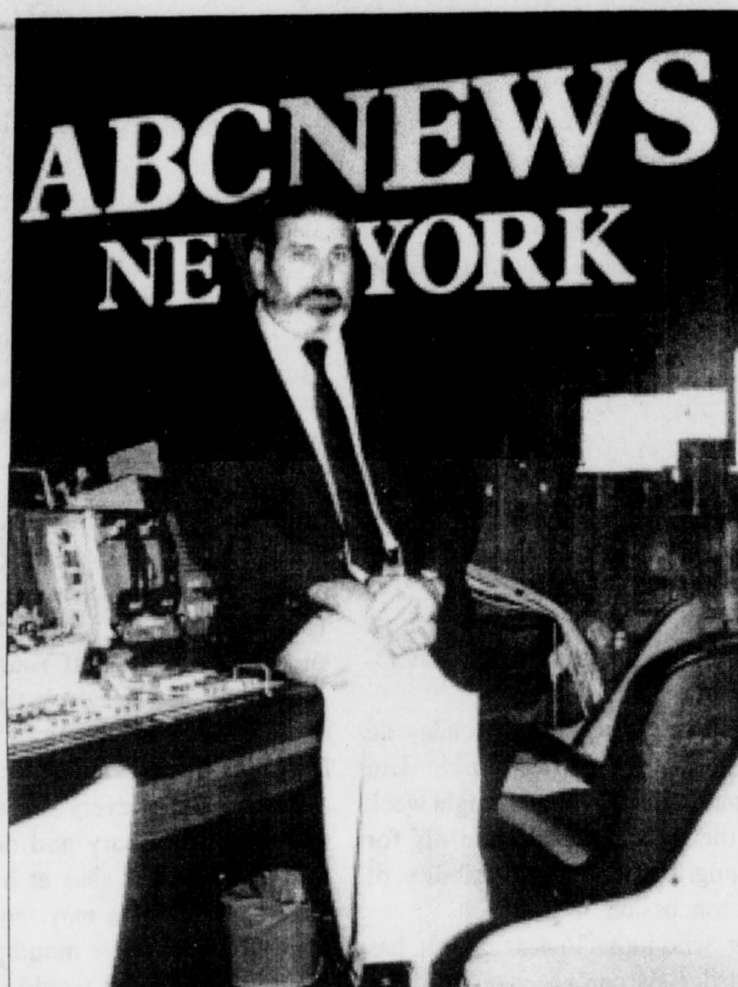


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Marvin Schlenker, a 1950 Mansfield University graduate was director for ABC Television for 37 years before retirement.



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William Cutter, a 1978 Mansfield University graduate, is currently the Director of Choral Activities for the Boston University Tanglewood Institute.



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Neil Slater, a 1952 Mansfield University graduate, has had his compositions performed at the Columbia Symposium, Columbia University.

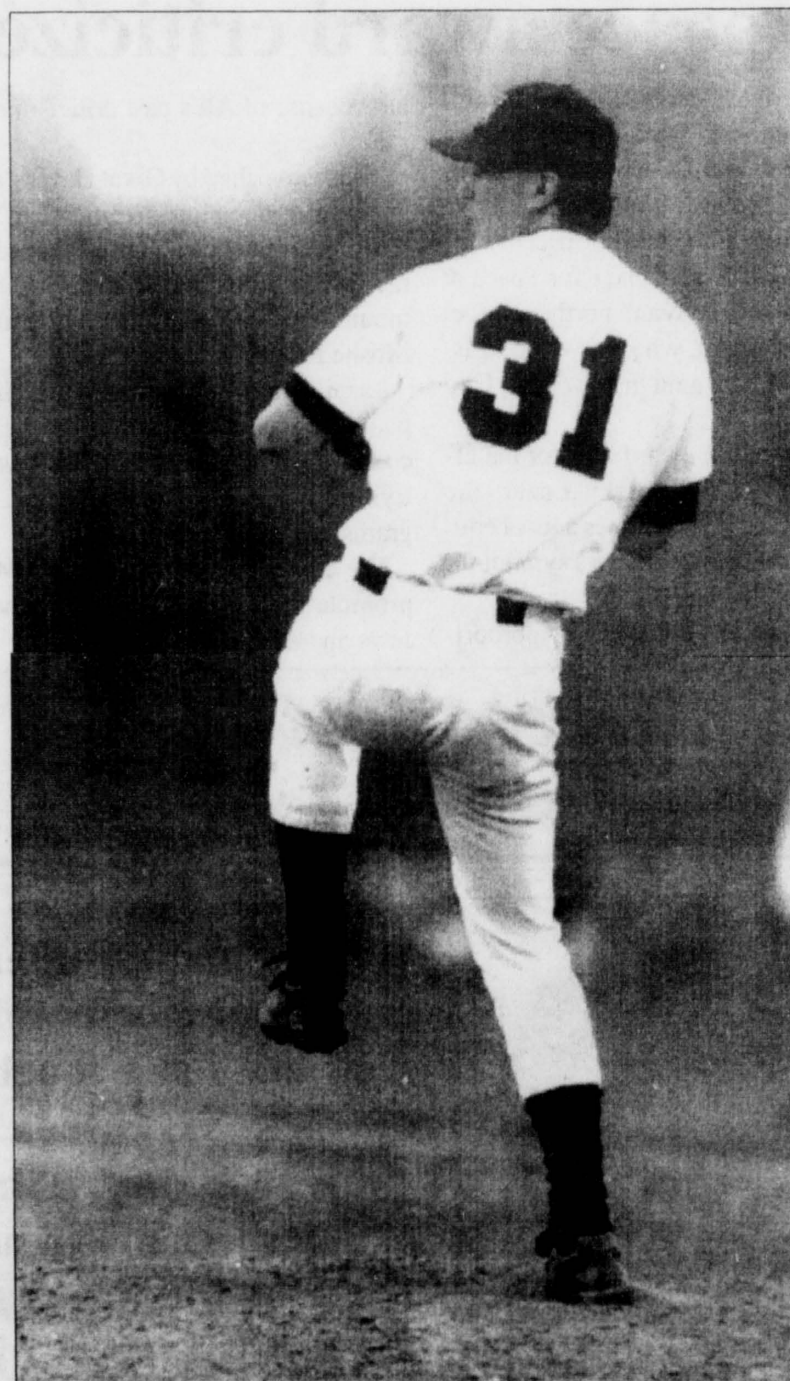


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All-American, Steve MicKnich, signed with the Florida Marlins in 1994.

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Route 6 accident leaves two injured

Thomas A. Jones
wire editor

On Friday, September 12, 1997 an accident occurred right outside Mansfield University on Route 6. The accident occurred on the immediate west side of the P-19 Telephone pole.

According to the Mansfield University Borough Police Department, the accident occurred around 3pm Friday afternoon, when a dump truck driven by Joseph Hastings of Andrew's Well and Drilling/Pumps and Trucking, located in Wellsboro, collided with a red pick-up truck driven by an as of yet, unidentified female.

The female's identity was being withheld until all the facts of the situation are known, and everyone involved is notified, said Officer Thomas of the

Mansfield University Police Department.

The investigation is being conducted by Officer Frank Levindowski of the Mansfield Borough Police Department.

Officer Joseph Chapel of the Mansfield Borough Police said regarding the area where the accident occurred, "There's not usually a lot of accidents, mostly just fender-benders. This accident was unusual for the severity."

According to Roger Andrews of Andrew's Well and Drilling, Joseph Hastings is still feeling the effects of the accident.

"He is OK, but he has some back trouble," said Andrew's. "The truck is just barely repairable."

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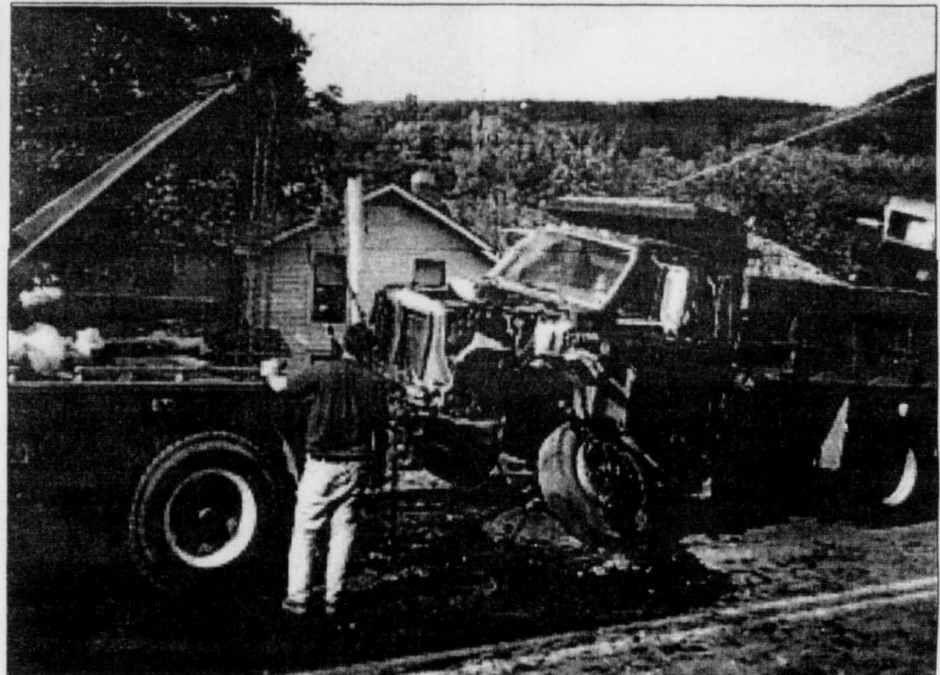


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Pictured above is a tow truck taking away the remains of one of the vehicles involved in a two vehicle collision which occurred Friday, September 12th.

Cafeteria rush causes problems, South Side to remain

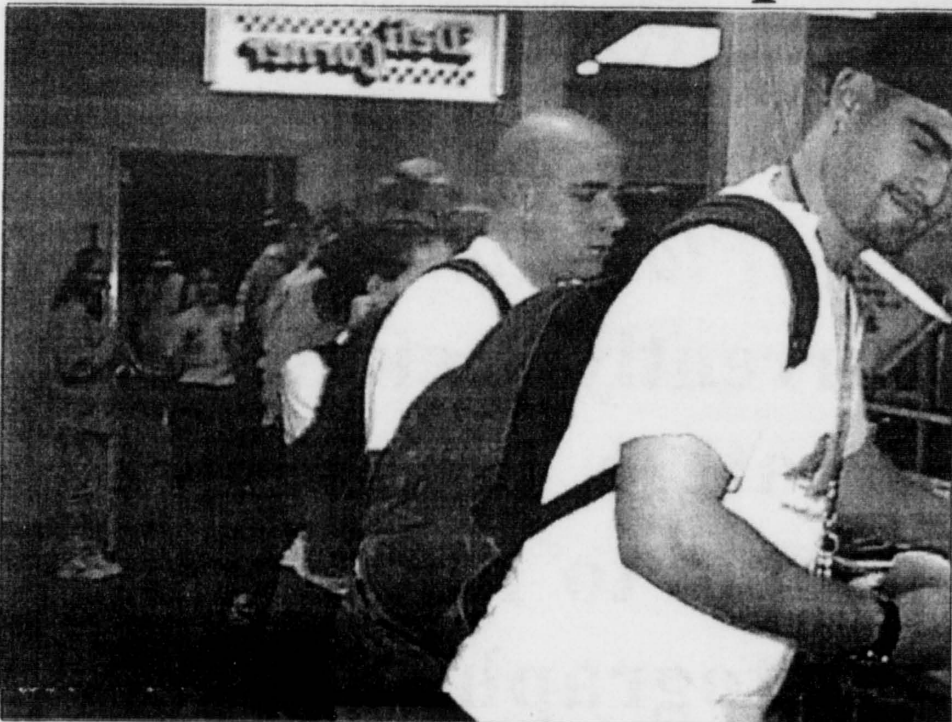


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Pictured above are students waiting for food at South Side cafeteria. Rumors about the cafeteria expanding are unfounded.

by Joey West
staff reporter

As Mansfield University students have noticed, lines in the Manser building can be long and frustrating.

However, Richard Anderson, Director of Food Services at MU, says the lines that may be a nuisance, are only long during peak moments.

"They come later and they come at once," says Anderson, referring to every Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 pm, when the number of students trying to get into Manser's Main Dining Hall, doubles from the second busiest time.

Additionally, Anderson said that there are no changes planned in any of MU's dining areas, the main dining hall, South Side, or Mountie Den.

"Nobody has brought that idea to me." Also, Anderson said that there will be no changes during the semester, "not while we're running."

This means that the rumor around campus saying that South Side Hoagie and Grill will or should be dis-

continued and incorporated into the main dining hall is false.

Anderson also said that to help relieve congestion around the peak times at the main dining hall, one should try and go to South Side.

"Freshman, usually don't patronize South Side or the Mountie Den."

The Mountie den has more than pizza. There is a hot buffet, salad bar, and a hoagie bar for lunch on occasion.

Additionally, the New Gallery Store which opened at the start of this semester has prepackaged foods, such as potato chips, and bottled soft drinks, which can be paid for with flex or cash.

MU has 1,455 people on a meal plan and 64 people with flex only. On a average Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 pm most are in Manser. Actually 1,115 people are vying for the quickest place to get the food.

Remarkably enough, 1,837 people were served for lunch on Thursday the 18th.

"We're only here to do what the students want us to do," ended Anderson.

Storytelling festival entertains campus and community

by Krissy Dennis
features editor

Last Friday night, the Northern Appalachian Storytelling festival touched down in Mansfield for its 17th year featuring four storytellers who performed for the annual ghost story show.

Jay O'Callahan, who last appeared here in 1992, has been touted a "virtuoso" by critics. O'Callahan set the tone with a macabre tale about a crazy old man who terrorized his town after his death. O'Callahan warned the audience to stay away from scarecrows and beware on Halloween.

Emmy Award winner Jim May, who last visited the NASF in 1993 entertained the full house with two light-

hearted tales. The story of the "Boo Baby Girl", who stole gold from a dead, rich woman, is a story that you can "learn to tell a little one", said May.

May's second story, which his family calls "Poultrygeist" or "Terror in The Barnyard", was about his childhood fear of the farm duck. May's animated moves and dynamic speaking style held the audience captive.

Robin Moore, a Pennsylvania native who tells North American and Celtic tales, fascinated the audience with the tale of Dark Katrina and Jack. Katrina was a She-wolf who eventually lured Jack to join her in the woods where they still run with a "ghostly pack of wolves" today.

Jim May, who narrated the evening's storytelling, said that what he likes best about Diane Ferlatte, the last

teller of the evening, was her "effervescence and joy she carries with her." Ferlatte has performed at the John F. Kennedy Center for The Performing Arts as part of President Clinton's Inauguration.

Ferlatte told a parable of two young lovers in this life, Charlie and Ellie, who helped to reunite two young lovers of long ago. Ferlatte inspired the audience to sing along with her at the end of her story, "The ghosts are coming. They will be here soon."

The festival, which lasted from Friday until Sunday, included speaking engagements at local schools and workshops offered at MU.

Featured storyteller, Susan Klein, who did not perform at the ghost story session, hales from Martha's Vineyard and teaches her trade throughout the U.S. and Europe.



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Featured storyteller

Campus Voices

"Do you feel safe on campus?"

by Brent McCallus and Katie Evans



Brenda Sargeant
Junior

"I don't walk around far at night. What used to scare me was the lower parking lot."



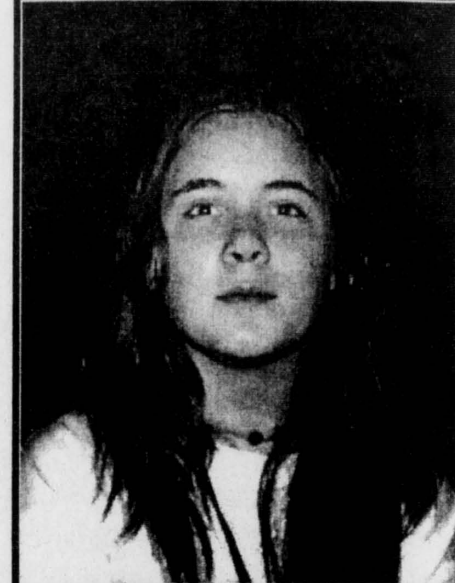
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Local residents can now audit classes at MU

by Joey West
staff reporter

Mansfield University announced it has taken another step in making the university more accessible by allowing community members to audit courses.

According to Susan Sweet, Director of Community Services and Continuing Education, the new policy took effect at the start of fall 1997 semester.

The policy allows any person

to enroll in a course. With an instructor's permission any local resident can sit in a class for the semester, this includes taking tests and turning in homework. However, they will not be able to collect the credits.

"It allows for people to audit a credit course," says Sweet. She went on by saying that the \$50 is the only fee charged.

Unlike students who are taking courses for credits, audit course students do not have to pay the \$25 application fee normally charged.

Sweet said that eleven people are now participating in the program. She

also indicated the new students come from a variety of backgrounds.

For example, Sweet said one MU employee is participating in the new program. Additionally, she said there is a high school student and a senior citizen among the eleven.

University Provost, Dr. Joseph Moore, likes the idea of course auditing.

"It is aimed at individuals who want to sit in on a course," Moore said. He also said, it is good for "non traditional type folks."

The chairman of the psychology department, Dr. Peter Keller, says

he thinks the new policy is fine.

"I think it is a fine idea. It will give people an opportunity to sample our courses," Keller added that it will also bring in more students to the university so they may participate in the campus community.

Some of the courses currently being audited include a computer science class, a psychology class, along with classes in music, art, math, German, philosophy and political science.

Anybody interested in auditing a class may find out more about the program by calling MU's Center for Lifelong Learning at 662-4244.

Forum held about MU future

by Gene Yager
editor in chief
Lisa Carpenter
staff reporter

On Wednesday, September 17th, Mansfield University held a forum entitled "Technology and the Future of Higher Education: Will Mansfield Survive the Revolution?"

The forum, which took place in the Laurel Lounge, included heated debate from several MU faculty members.

"Are we the last gasp of an ancient system?" moderator Peter Keller asked, setting the floor for discussion.

Larry Miller, anthropology and sociology department chairman, expressed his view that traditional college educations will soon become extinct.

Miller based his argument primarily on examples from the history of communication and advancements in computer technology in the last decade.

"Mansfield and other universities like us will not exist in the not too distant future," Miller said.

Tom Murphy, assistant professor of English, held an opposing position, stating his belief that the education received through technology will be vastly different and inferior to the on-campus experience.

Murphy described universities as education warehouses in an age of just-in-time technology.

"The point of a university is not information," Murphy said. "Information and learning are not the same."

Gary Ingerick, director of technological resources, discussed computer technology which may come to our campus in the future.

"How technology affects Mansfield University is up to the people who are here," said Ingerick, who has been in charge of computer technology on campus for the past fourteen years.

Ingerick told the attendees that advancements in artificial intelligence, transportation, the integration of voice and video, mobile communications, interactive T.V. and the Internet will play a significant role in the university's destiny.

According to Ingerick, while the existing technology at MU is current, there is always an effort being made to update systems.

However, Keller noted that the computer resources that the university provides are not always appreciated by students.

"Technology is treated by young scholars as if it always existed," Keller stated.

According to Ingerick, the rapid development new computer software will not necessarily lead to the demise of our university.

"Yes," Ingerick said, "there is a place for Mansfield University in the future."

NTSO returns to MU after absence

Dixie Sheridan
staff reporter

The Non-Traditional Student Organization, a recognized organization on MU campus has been reinstated this semester after an absence of several years.

Jerry Bailey, the president of the NTSO, said a "non-trad" student is any student that is 23 years old or older, or any student that commutes to the MU campus. Bailey also said that non-trads make up approximately one third of our student population. In relation, approximately one third of the revenue generated on this campus is from non-trad students.

Non-traditional students often have different needs and concerns from

the traditional student population, and the purpose of this organization is to gain strength through numbers to try and change some of those needs and concerns into actions of change. Lori Kingsley, a social work major, has two school age children and one preschooler. Lori, like many other mothers who are students at MU, pays the same tuition costs and fees as the traditional student, but has needs that differ from the traditional student who lives in the dorm.

Some of the concerns expressed by non-trad students are parking, daycare for those with children, and class policies regarding absences.

Kingsley, the vice president of the NTSO who commutes from Wysox every day,

said, "Because of our large (non-trad) population and our needs, if collectively we get together we could have a powerful voice at MU to address those needs."

Al Slusser, another married non-trad from Tioga said "I think it is important due to the non-trad population and the fact that we have no say in the student governing body today. I think MU overlooks the number of non-trads and their needs."

Bailey said these students and many others have various needs and concerns, and as individuals they will not be met.

The Non-Traditional Student Organization will meet at 12:30 on Thursday, September 25th in the commuter lounge in lower Memorial Hall.

Advocacy date rape show tours campus dormitories

by Joey West
staff reporter

Mansfield University's Advocacy program and Dramatics Club provided students and others interested with an informative series of programs Tuesday night concerning sexual assault and date rape.

Although sexual assault does not happen often, it does happen. It has already happened at least twice this semester at Mansfield University.

According to the skit: "She's mine tonight," thinks the man talking to his friend. He then stops to think about his plan to have sex with the girl.

She knocks on his door, she comes in. After all, she thinks, they are only going to study tonight.

This may be the beginning of a sexual assault, according to the actors who participated in the date rape skit held in most of MU's dorms.

The skit was held to help inform the student body of the dangers and responsibilities that may be associated with being a woman or a man.

According to Advocacy program director Michelle Habovick, both sexual assault cases her office has handled this semester involved alcohol.

"He planned, he was planning to have sex with this girl," said Habovick.

But then his plan goes sour,

"when it turns into a sexual assault is that the plan doesn't go right, the partner maybe isn't willing, or the partner is intoxicated," according to Habovick.

Furthermore, Habovick said that rape is not as it may seem.

"The perpetrator of the sexual assault is not looking to rape the victim, goal is to have sex with a particular person."

Habovick also said the women should not feel they are to blame for the incident.

"They feel very responsible... you are not responsible for the sexual assault, the perpetrator is," said Habovick.

Anyone who wishes to talk to Habovick about sexual assault concerns may contact her at Pinecrest 109.

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Around the Nation

Clinton prepares \$1.50 per pack cigarette tax

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cigarette makers may be headed for an expensive congressional fight next year, as President Clinton prepares to call Wednesday for changes to the proposed tobacco deal that could double the billions of dollars they would pay.

Acting on the same theme, a Democratic senator says he is writing legislation that would add a \$1.50 per pack tax to cigarettes immediately — as an alternative to the controversial tobacco settlement.

Clinton's announcement, set for Wednesday in the Oval Office, formally ends any chance a tobacco deal could pass Congress this year.

Attorney General Hubert Humphrey III flew to Washington at the behest of the Clinton administration to be present for the announcement. He supported the decision, saying it would give Congress the time to work out a better deal.

"Bottom line: it's a sweetheart deal for

an outlaw industry," Humphrey said of the rejected plan.

"If they can't come up with the right deal, we're going to find it right here in a court room in St. Paul," Humphrey said, before leaving for Washington.

The trial in the state's lawsuit against the industry is scheduled to begin in January.

Republicans have made clear they would not take up the complex legislation without a specific list of demands from Clinton, which he says he will not provide Wednesday.

But Clinton stressed that postponing action doesn't mean a deal is dead.

"We ought to get this legislation through Congress as quickly as we can," Clinton said Tuesday. "I would hope that we can get all the parties to the lawsuit involved and to agree to it, but we have to do it right."

Clinton will not endorse the \$368 billion tobacco settlement.

Paula Jones' attorneys begin settlement talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a public volley of allegations, Paula Corbin Jones' newly hired attorney began settlement talks with President Clinton's lawyers Tuesday by agreeing not to talk to the news media.

"It was a pleasant meeting. We'll be discussing the matter further, but neither side will discuss the contents of the conversation," said Mrs. Jones' attorney, Bill McMillan.

Bob Bennett, the president's attorney, issued a similar statement calling the brief telephone conversation "cordial and candid."

"We expect to have further discussions. We both agree that for the time being, it is best that these conversations remain confidential," Bennett said.

The agreement came just as McMillan's wife, Susan Carpenter McMillan, a spokesman for Mrs. Jones, contacted reporters to insinuate that one of Bennett's law partners may have been involved in the Internal Revenue Service's decision to audit Mrs. Jones.

Carpenter McMillan questioned if Fred Goldberg, a member of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom, and IRS commissioner from 1989 to 1992, may have spurred the audit. "I don't know if he did or not. I just think it's convenient," she said. "I don't think anyone in their right mind is going to lose the irony in all of this."

An assistant answering Goldberg's phone broke into laughter when asked if the attorney would comment.

New dairy prices a threat to family farms

WASHINGTON (AP) — For dairy farmer Jackie Clossen, this year's depressed milk prices mean no family health insurance and a lot of headaches with bill collectors.

"There's no more margin to cut," said Mrs. Clossen, who lives on a small dairy farm in Cortland County, N.Y., with her husband and four children. "We need a minimum wage for dairy farmers."

The Clossens and thousands of other dairy producers have been hit hard by low prices and are pleading with the fed-

eral government to set a temporary minimum milk price at \$14.50 per 100 pounds.

"This could keep a family farm going," Mrs. Clossen said during a rally Tuesday of about 150 dairy farmers outside the Capitol.

The farmers came to deliver petitions signed by 9,000 producers around the country in support of the temporary minimum price, which Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman has said would require action by Congress.

USAF will review safety precautions



CNN Photo
New Jersey Air National Guard Col. Gene Chojnacki stands under the wing of one of the C-130's damaged in a midair collision

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force and National Transportation Safety Board have agreed to a joint review of the C-130 crash that killed 10 Oregon airmen last fall, Air Force Secretary Sheila Widnall said Tuesday.

The new agreement calls for an investigative team to issue a preliminary report on the crash within three months.

As a result, Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., agreed to drop his effort to block confirmation of President Clinton's nominee for Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Senate voted later Tuesday to confirm Gen. Henry H. Shelton.

"It is my hope that the full participation of the NTSB in a manner that assures its independence of action will finally get the families and widows the answers for which they have waited so long," Wyden said in a floor speech.

Wyden had used a parliamentary procedure last week to place a hold on Shelton's confirmation vote. He said Tuesday that Shelton's staff responded quickly to his concerns.

Up to now, Wyden said, the Air Force has said only that "fuel starvation" caused the crash, an explanation that left widows and other family members unsatisfied.

Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., who also pressed for a fuller review, said the Air

Force has lost some credibility because of the way it has handled the matter.

"I thank the Air Force for responding. I regret it took this level of investigation," he said.

Secretary Widnall said in a Sept. 15 letter to Wyden that she had directed her vice chief of staff to convene a senior Air Force team of operational and safety experts to conduct a comprehensive review of flight safety issues associated with C-130 aircraft.

"This review will consider all of the facts and possible causes of the tragic crash of the HC-130P last November and ensure that all appropriate steps are being taken to enhance the safety of the C-130 fleet....," she wrote in the letter.

Widnall said in an accompanying internal memo dated Sept. 15 that the review — which would include a technical expert from the NTSB — would consider "all of the facts and theories of causation specific to the HC-130P accident and other incidents."

It will include an evaluation of engines, fuel, propeller, electrical and other systems that could potentially contribute to engine power loss.

Widnall said the team would have full access to a confidential report the Air Force prepared on the crash in addition to the one previously made public.

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All laws to be followed are to be made, not by a select few hiding away in their ivory towers, but by the citizens of the republic. Only laws that originate, or are accepted by the citizenry are legitimate laws.

Our nation, has so seriously maligned the idea of a republic that we are now forced to accept, and follow rules and laws that have no business being there. The will of the majority has been thwarted by an elitist subculture that claims to know what is best for everyone. What you should do, how you should work, where you should live, or how you should park.

The need to control another human being, to have power over them, to subjugate them to your will, that is the reasoning behind parking tickets. It grants the system one more way of poking its nose into your life. One more way of controlling how you live your life, how you spend your money and how you vote. And besides dominating the everyday citizen, parking tickets serve another insidious purpose. Parking tickets justify the system.

The parking ticket you receive from a police officer justifies not only his existence, but the existence of numerous mid-level, low skill bureaucratic government employees. Court reporters, district justices, and the thousands of people paid to spend our money in the least efficient, most time-consuming way possible.

Campus police admitted to spending less time chasing speeders than writing out parking tickets. Writing out parking tickets to the citizens of Mansfield University, to the very people who own the ground that they are being ticketed for parking on. The very people who own the cars being used to chase them. The very people who own the buildings the police call their offices. The citizenry of Mansfield University.

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Commentary

Warrant checks under legal fire in Wash. state

by David Ammons

ALONG INTERSTATE 5, Washington, St. (AP) — The sporty little green Nissan zips right past Trooper John Sager's marked state patrol cruiser.

The pedal-to-the-metal driver's doing 72 in a 60 mph zone and after the mortified woman is pulled over, a quick background check on Sager's onboard computer turns up some extra baggage.

The woman is driving on a suspended license, in a car that doesn't belong to her, and she's wanted by the law for thumbing her nose at a freeway-littering ticket. She's in a bit of hot water, and won't be allowed to drive an inch further this day.

The criminal background check, which pops up from cyberspace in just over a minute, is an automatic part of Sager's daily routine on the jammed interstate. This motorist was no hardened criminal, but the check could just as easily have turned up an arrest warrant for murder, assault or armed robbery, as these checks do with astonishing regularity, the trooper says.

"We're looking to restore the police powers that existed before the ruling."

House Law & Justice
Chairman Larry Sheahan

The longstanding practice, which law enforcement considers critical to crime-fighting, is under cloud and quite possibly illegal.

The state Supreme Court handed down a bombshell opinion Aug. 28 that says state law doesn't authorize the warrant checks, despite how widespread the practice has become.

State lawmakers are to gather at the Capitol in emergency session Wednesday to fix the problem, even as many law enforcement agencies con-

tinue the background checks with the governor's blessing.

The corrective measure is expected to pass with bipartisan ease, turning aside contentions that the checks are a "fishing expedition in the government's oceans of electronic data bases" that smacks of Big Brother.

The problem is, the high court said in a 7-2 opinion two weeks ago, the Legislature never got around to adding warrant checks to the laundry list of actions officers can take when they pull over a motorist or jaywalker.

The four-word fix proposed by Gov. Gary Locke would authorize a "check for outstanding warrants."

The solution may be quick and simple, but the gravity of the situation can't be overstated, crimefighters say.

"Warrant checks are fundamental to what law enforcement does every day," says Everett Police Chief Jim Scharf.

State Patrol Chief Annette Sandberg, who has taken a high-profile role in the push for a quick remedy, says the checks provide an invaluable two-fold assist: officer safety, since the warrant checks will tell if the motorist is wanted on criminal charges and whether extra caution should be used; and public safety, delivering thousands of offenders to jail or the courts every year.

Lawmakers were surprised to learn this past week that a vast majority of arrest warrants, perhaps three out of every four are served by state, county and city police who have pulled over the culprits for a traffic infraction.

State troopers alone ran warrants checks on 762,068 motorists last year. More than 12,000 of them had outstanding arrest warrants, 1,725 for felony charges including rape, murder and armed robbery.

Most police and sheriffs have warrant servers, but it's time-consuming and expensive to track people down, says Reichert. The system works only because large numbers of the suspects run afoul of the driving laws and unwittingly

turn themselves in, he says.

He and other law-enforcement personnel have a ready litany of big-time criminals who were initially caught because they broke non-criminal traffic codes: serial killer Ted Bundy, Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh and others.

The governor, who was a deputy King County prosecutor earlier in his career, recalls being able to prosecute murder cases only because the suspects had been apprehended on fugitive warrants served when they were stopped for hitchhiking.

"I don't think people realize how big this is," Robertson says.

IS IT LEGAL NOW?

Locke, Sandberg and virtually all local law enforcement agencies are in the ticklish situation of pushing for the special session and insisting that the procedure is still legal despite the Supreme Court opinion that seems to say it's illegal without explicit authorization from the Legislature.

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Everett Police Chief Jim
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"There may be some court problems with this," Sandberg conceded under heavy questioning during a legislative hearing last week. "Defense attorneys will use whatever they can to get their clients off."

She referred to cases arising from warrant checks conducted after the Aug. 28 opinion and before the governor signs the emergency fix.

Locke told reporters, "The Supreme Court said that right now, the statute doesn't permit people to do that records check, so we will ... provide the statutory authority."

But Locke and Sandberg, both attorneys, insist that the way the patrol

and modern police agencies do the checks, they shouldn't run afoul of the court ruling.

The patrol simultaneously runs warrants checks through state and national crime computers while getting routine information on the driver's license, tabs, auto insurance, drunken-driving history and other information from a Department of Licensing database. Frequently, the background check pops up before the DOL information, since it's a smaller database.

"I believe the case (decision) can and should be limited to prohibiting excessive detention for warrant checks resulting from civil (traffic) infractions," the governor wrote in a memo to Sandberg.

Using the cover of Locke and Sandberg and the promise of a speedy session, virtually all agencies are continuing the checks.

Some lawmakers think the authorities are on shaky ground, but say it will soon be a moot point, since the fix is now just a few days off.

Sponsors apparently will drop a proposed preamble to the bill that says the legislation "restores the legal status in Washington of checking warrants to that which existed prior to State v. Rife (the Supreme Court opinion)" wording that would amount to a concession that the current batch of warrant checks are done without proper authority.

IS IT RIGHT?

Most lawmakers and other heavy-hitters are joining law enforcement in calling for the legislation. Speaker Ballard and other key leaders say libertarians don't see it as an infringement of personal freedoms, just reaffirmation of the status quo.

"We're not looking to expand police powers under this bill," says House Law & Justice Chairman Larry Sheahan, R-Rosalia. "We're looking to restore the police powers that existed."

The primary organized criticism has come from the state chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union

Clinton nominee Weld rejected by Senate and Helms

by Walter Mears

WASHINGTON (AP) — Quixotic but not quick, a Republican joust stirred by a Democratic nomination, William F. Weld's doomed quest to become ambassador to Mexico was a campaign as improbable as the outcome was certain.

The implacable Sen. Jesse Helms said before the nomination was sent to the Senate that it would not pass. He wouldn't hear of it in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which meant nobody else would.

The only way around the chairman's prerogative to prevent a hearing was to persuade him or compel him to relent. Weld didn't try the former, saying he was not in the habit of going on bended knee to kiss rings, or anything else.

And he and his supporters couldn't accomplish the latter, especially with Sen. Trent Lott, the majority leader, having declared long since that the nomination was dead and ought to be with-

drawn.

So Weld, unable to beat them as he had been unable to join them a year ago, surrendered on Monday to the hide-bound habits of the Senate, leaving with a parting salvo at Helms, R-N.C., from an unlikely pulpit in the White House briefing room.

It was a campaign in which one vote was vital, and Weld never was interested in catering to Helms, although he said he'd tried repeatedly to arrange a meeting with his nemesis.

Before Clinton nominated him, Weld had accused Helms of ideological

"For some reason, he was laying in wait for me."

William F. Weld

extortion. He said that he was not Helms' kind of Republican and didn't want to be.

Helms said he wasn't ambassador quality, accused him of being too permissive on drugs, and set the barricades.

It was a grudge match, with

origins long before. Running for the Senate last year, Weld had declined to say whether he would vote to retain Helms as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. The answer was evident. He had raised the wrath of Helms and other GOP conservatives by supporting abortion rights in the party's regular convention struggles on that issue.

After withdrawing, Weld said he didn't regret his confrontational tactics in the confirmation campaign. He said a different course wouldn't have changed the outcome.

"For some reason, he was laying in wait for me," Weld said.

A day before he surrendered, Weld was on national television, declaring that he would fight on to open the process.

But by Monday morning, he said, he'd decided that pressing the campaign, even though he thought he could have won by kicking up the ruckus, would put other foreign policy aims at risk.

Helms had warned the White House that the Weld affair could have an impact on other administration inter-

ests. Weld praised the president for his backing, but also said Helms had created "something of a miasma of fear in some quarters, which I would rather see dissipated."

This is not unfamiliar business. It was the eighth time a high-profile Clinton nominee has foundered. But it also is a first, since the Weld case displays a Republican rift. Clinton said he'd worked for bipartisanship in foreign policy, and the divisiveness reflected in this case does not serve the American people.

Still, it is GOP discomfort. "I suspect there will be some price paid on that side of the aisle," said Clinton's spokesman, Mike McCurry.

"To the extent that people are looking at Jesse Helms as the face of the Republican Party, I think that carries a certain amount of freight with it," Weld said.

He said he's going home to New England, where people don't have to kneel to get government to do its job, but will be an active, vocal Republican.

"I've had enough of Washington for the next little while," he said.

Kreative Korner

My last farewell: the funeral of the century

by **Krissy Dennis**
features editor

Our subject today, my little muffins, is a pretty intense one- death. How morbid of me right? Well, unfortunately we all have to endure it at some point. I figure why not tackle it now. Shall we?

I guess I 'm actually writing this in response to a viewing and funeral I went to last week. It was awful, even though I didn't know the guy very well. There is something universal about death. No matter who it is, you can't help but feel that little lump in your throat and that sick ball of pressure in your stomach.

I think what really got to me was the widow. She was married to her husband for sixty-four years!! Now, she is about eighty some years old. Imagine spending such a long time with some-

one. Waking up with them everyday, having kids with them and then watching them suffer from Cancer and die.

The actual process of a viewing is pretty disturbing in itself. You go to a funeral home, stand in line to look at your dead friend or relative, who does not look anything like what they used to, and then you show everyone how sad you are. What are you supposed to say in those lines anyway? Anything you might actually want to say will come out sounding fake, even though you mean every word of it.

Of course the really hard part comes when you have to go to the grave site to bury them. When it came time for the widow to leave she had to be helped up. As she was walking away she asked to no one in particular, 'How am I gonna do it.' Talk about feeling helpless.

I've thought about it long and hard, and I've decided that I don't want anyone looking at me when I am dead.

Why would I want everyone standing around for three hours being constantly reminded that I am gone? I understand that in order to make it "real", people have to see you dead to start the grieving process. Don't you think that people are gonna get the hint when you don't show up to dinner, or you don't return phone calls?

What is really bad is being a kid and having to go through this. My grandfather died when I was in fifth grade. I had to endure a couple of hours at the parlor staring at Grandpa who was never gonna get up and walk again. I remember being really pissed off that every one was staring at him. It seemed kind of disrespectful. What are you supposed to say to an eleven year old who is crying uncontrollably?

In my grand plan every funeral would be a party! I will not have fifty million people staring at me. I really don't want my nephew to have to go

through that. I want someone to set up every picture of me ever taken. I want my favorite music playing. I want people to go through my clothes and take what they want. Most important, I want people to sit around and laugh. Well, not laugh at the truly stupid things.

The most important thing that I want done is the cremation of my body. I realize that you are dead, and your spirit is somewhere else, but I don't want to lie in the ground and rot. It's morbid to think of all the dead bodies trapped underground. I want to return to dust and be scattered somewhere. Maybe off a bridge, or over a field. Maybe I'll be put in the cow feed, that way I'll live on in bovine.

My boyfriend had an interesting idea. He said he wants to be mummified. He wants to be preserved forever and sit in our living room. Don't think so!! Not gonna happen. Maybe he could sit on the front lawn at Halloween, but I don't want to have to dust him!

Life's sick sense of black humor

by **Josh Cusatis**
five-star editor

On Wednesday afternoon went to Williamsport with my friend Chris. Yes, him again. We went simply because we had some money and felt like getting some books and albums while we could. The cheapest and closest place is Williamsport so that's how we ended up there.

I don't remember if I already told you but I always drive his car whenever he and I go any place. I think he really hates to drive and since I like to, this responsibility falls upon my shoulders. I'm not complaining.

Well, there is a reason that I'm telling you all of this idiocy. That afternoon I realized what is the most defining trait about my four years at Mansfield University. That common thread that is truly present in all of my days here. What is it, you might ask? Surreality.

I have not had a day go by since I first got here where something surreal did not happen to me. What we have come to call "David Lynch moments" thanks to an alumnus that we happen to know.

First of all, this town is very surreal in itself. Take a walk downtown some night at around 3 in the morning. It helps if you do this by yourself. I've had this pleasure a couple of times since I live off-campus and have to walk home after layout nights here at the Flashlight (they can last until 9 in the morning).

I don't know what it is about this town but it has a very strange aura

about it and induces the oddest states of mind if you take the time to notice it. There's just the right amount of breeze, absolutely no people and a complete lack of any sound save for the rustling of the leaves. It might be like Halloween but it's a lot more sinister than that.

The other part is that surreal things have a way of happening to, or around, me whenever I venture out of this town or when I'm holed-up in some office that Mansfield has constructed to systematically drain the life out of me.

A couple of nights ago we went out past Galeton which is about 20 miles past Wellsboro. We were out there to visit another alumnus for the last time before she goes to Italy for two years with the Navy.

The way to her cabin takes us on a very small road outside of Galeton that seemingly goes up this mountain forever. This is a very desolate road and absolutely nobody drives on it even in the day. As this road works its way up there are countless twists and curves where it is impossible to tell where it's going.

I've had nightmares about roads that just end in odd ways. Roads that end in a lake or river and roads that end in the middle of the woods at night. So, there I was and this was really happening to me. I nearly told life, right then and there, that I give up. Game over, you broke me! This is completely ridiculous! I'm going home for a good night's rest!

You're probably thinking to yourself that surrealistic things happen to people all of the time and that I might just be very in tune to them when they

happen to me. Well, before I came to Mansfield surreal things only happened to me on the average of about three times every two months. Ever since the first day I came here I would swear that this otherworldly, mystical thing has happened to me and the gods have decided that my life is charmed in some sort of twisted way. I have Mansfield to thank for this.

I'm not really sure that I want to thank them for this gift because even though most of the time it's really cool there have been a few times that it has scared the hell out of me. Those have been the times that I thought I was going to be abducted by aliens or taken away by the Wicked Witch of the West. Maybe that's why "The Wizard of Oz" is my mother's favorite movie.

If you're thinking, "Wow, I could just hang out with him and drug-like things will happen to me without my having to pay for it," then think again. Most of the time, these events do not happen to the people around me though, there have been some perceptive people that could sense them taking place but that's pretty rare.

Don't worry though, surreality is not a gift that is only passed to one person. You too will most assuredly experience this interdimensional trip.

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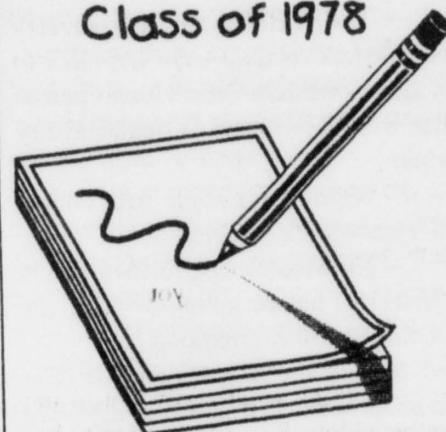
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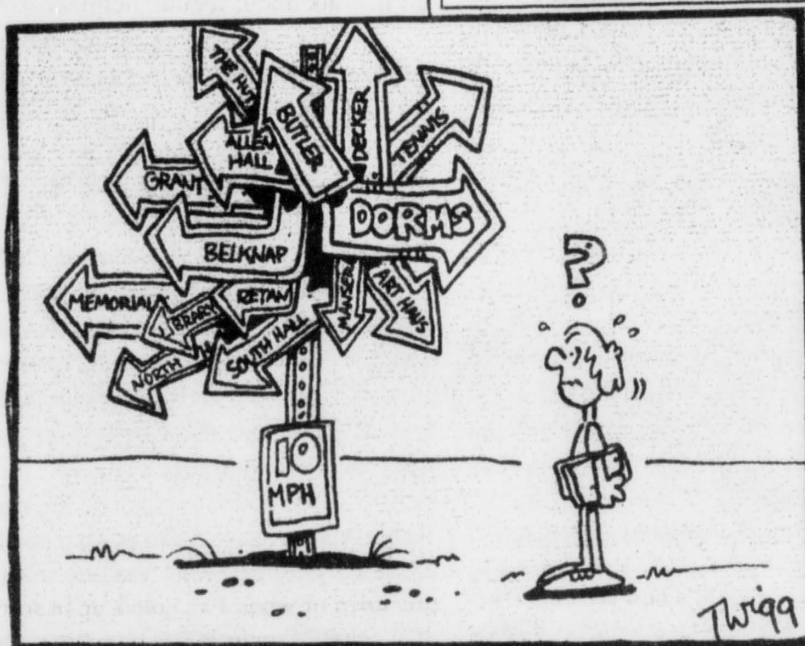
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Mounties drop second despite good first half

by Jason Feather
assist. sports editor

The Mansfield University Mountaineers football team travelled to play against western Pennsylvania perennial power Westminster College at Burry Stadium.

Westminster is the fifth ranked NAIA team in the country.

The Mounties performed well in the first half before falling 34-12 to the Owls last Saturday afternoon.

Both the offense and defense were solid in the first half, but appeared to tire later on in the second half.

"We played an excellent first half," said head coach Joe Viadella. "But we got worn down and made some mental mistakes in the second half that led to a few of their touchdowns. Still, we're improving every week and I saw a lot of positive things out there today (Saturday)."

The Mountaineers would jump out to an early 6-0 lead when senior quarterback Mike Keating capped off a 13-play, 79 yard drive with a two-yard run with 7:34 left in the first quarter. The extra point kick failed.

"It felt good putting the ball in," said Keating. "I was hoping that it would

give us good momentum for the rest of the game."

Westminster would answer with a 14-play, 81 yard drive of their own to tie the score at 6-6 with 6:05 remaining in the half.

Mansfield would retake the lead in the waning moments of the first half after new starting cornerback Harold Vinson recovered a fumble that defensive tackle Dan Ledebur forced.

Starting at the Westminster 37-yard line, Keating moved the offense 17-yards down to the 20-yard line.

Mansfield called a quick time-out so that place-kicker Randy Teter could line up a 37-yard attempt.

It was good, and Mansfield took the lead into the locker room at the half, 9-6.

The field goal for Teter was the first in his career.

Westminster would retake the lead for good though in the second half on an 11-yard touchdown run.

The Mounties didn't just roll over and die. They fought hard, and closed the gap to 13-12 on the next series when Teter booted his second field goal of the game, this time from 39-yards.

However, three straight Westminster touchdowns, two of them aided by Mountaineer penalties, would decide the game.

"I believe that this week we have to play as well as we did in the first half Saturday," Vinson said. "We have to play consistently for all four quarters. I think we just got tired a bit."

Senior Jason Donadi had a big day after a tough time against Southern Connecticut.

Donadi rushed for 111-yards, 90 of them in the first half, on 21 carries and picked up another 85 yards in kickoff return yards to lead the Mountaineers. Donadi moved into fifth place on the all-time MU rushing list with 1,787 yards.

Senior quarterback Mike Keating, starting in place of the injured Lucas Smith, hit 10 of 26 passes for 104-yards.

Field Hockey splits first two games of the season

Jason Feather
Assist. Sports Editor

The Mansfield University field hockey team dropped its season opener to SUNY-Brockport last Saturday afternoon by a score of 3-2.

Brockport scored first at the 17:12 mark of the first half, then added another goal at the 12:12 mark.

Mansfield got itself on the board in the first half on a goal by Heather Dittman with an assist by Jamie Huffcut at the 4:11 mark.

An insurance goal at the 14:18 mark in the second half by Brockport proved important as Maria DiSanto scored an unassisted goal with :31 left in the second half.

Mansfield evened its record at 1-1 on Tuesday afternoon with a 3-2 victory over Marywood University.

MU scored first at the 20:55 mark of the first half on a goal by Christy Sunchych (Heather Dittman), but Marywood would tie it up a little over ten minutes later at the 10:14 mark.

The Mounties retook the lead for good in the second half on goals by Huffcut with an assist from Tandy Carey and Shanna Vitale assisted by Kristen Dunton.

Marywood made a surge in the final two minutes scoring a goal at the 1:18 mark, but it wasn't enough, as the Mountaineers held on for the win.

The Mountie women will now travel to SUNY-Albany for a game on Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m.

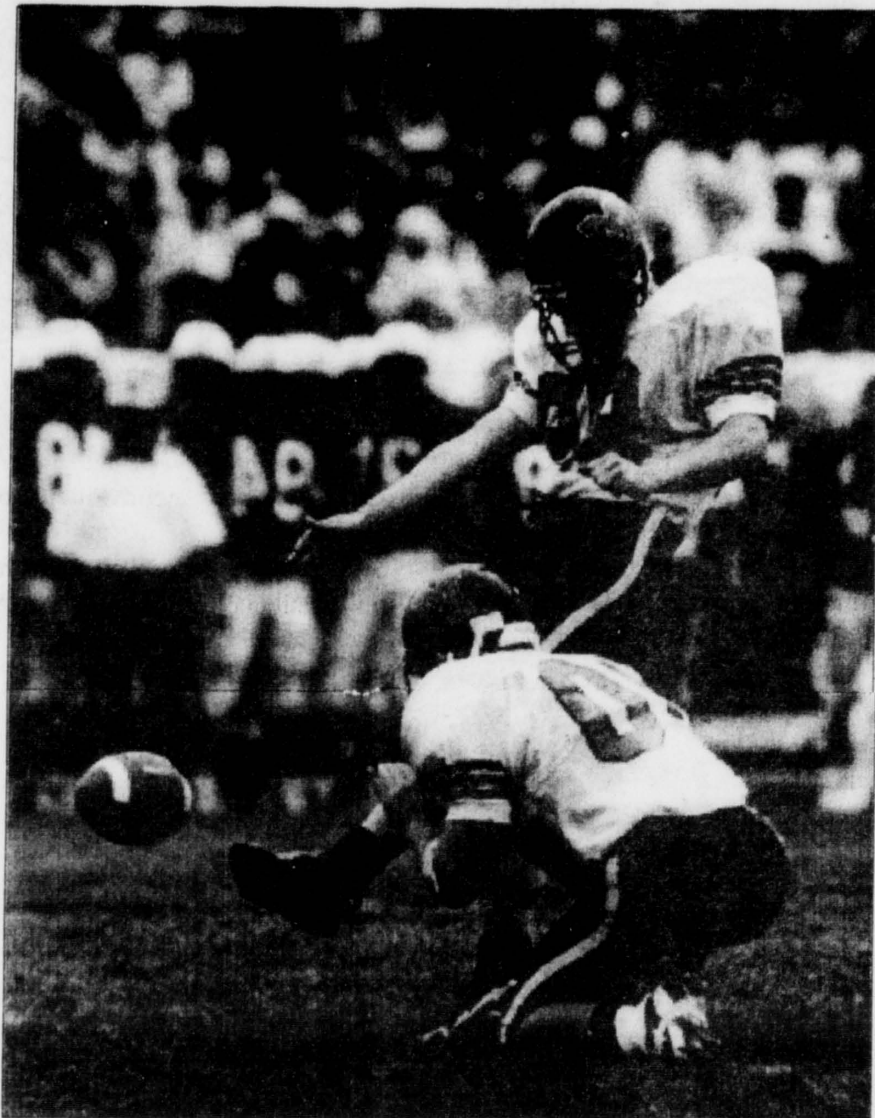


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Randy Teter kicks the first field goal of his collegiate career, a 37 yarder that put Mansfield to within one point of the nationally ranked Westminster Owls. Teter kicked another field goal in the game, a 39 yard boot.

Jim Ludwig, the Mounties regular starting middle linebacker, separated his shoulder in practice last week, and could possibly be out for the year.

Starting in his place was Elmira Notre Dame grad Brad Polk. Polk, in his first collegiate start at middle linebacker, had two tackles.

Wyalusing's Matt Hanley had eight tackles and two pass break-ups. In addition, he averaged 40.4 yards per punt on eight punts.

The Mountaineers dropped to 0-2 with the loss Saturday, while

Westminster improved to 2-0.

Mansfield will play host this weekend to Division III power Ithaca at Karl Van Norman Field with kickoff slated for 1 p.m.

"Ithaca is a lot like Westminster. They have outstanding athletes from a historically successful program," coach Viadella said. We need to put together two halves of football on Saturday to be successful. Neither team has been very successful in putting the ball in the end zone so far this season. Whoever figures that out Saturday is going to win the game."

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MU Fraternity to re-enact first night football game

by Joe Wagner
sports editor

In 1892, on September 27, Mansfield Normal School, now Mansfield University, challenged Wyoming Seminary in the very first night football game ever to be played. The General Electric company provided a portable generator and lights to illuminate Smythe Park in Mansfield.

This year, on the same day, the Alpha Chi Rho chapter of the national Alpha Beta Phi fraternity will reenact the first night football game.

The AXP fraternity has presented the reenactment since 1988 during the Fabulous 1890's festival. This year, however, there is something that makes this reenactment a little bigger, a little more special: Fox television is featuring the reenacted game on a new nationally televised show entitled "The Slant."

Tim Beggy, the Los Angeles based actor who starred in MTV's "Road Rules," will host "The Slant." Beggy will also play in this year's reenactment along side the brothers of Alpha Chi Rho.

Beggy and the film crew will also spend time at the AXP fraternity house shooting film for the show. They will cover other Fabulous 1890's events as well.

Steve McCloskey, Mansfield University's Sports Information Director, is credited with bringing the 1890's game to the public eye.

In 1988, McCloskey returned from a Civil War reenactment with the inspiration to recreate Mansfield's greatest contribution to the game of football.

In the very first recreated game to commemorate the 1892 lighted contest, two Mansfield University fraternities, Alpha Chi Rho and Lambda Chi Alpha, took on the parts of Mansfield and Wyoming Seminary.

"It was a bloodbath," McCloskey said. "We didn't have the script down real well and the competitive nature of the teams was pretty high."

That first game was a learning experience for McCloskey and those presenting the contest. Now AXP provides both teams for the staged game.

Mansfield is the only place in

the world that plays football by the 1890's rules, said McCloskey. In 1992, the centennial of the first game, Mansfield received national attention in a General Electric television commercial, on CNN, ESPN, and Monday Night Football.

"The game is loosely based on the original plays recorded in the newspaper accounts," McCloskey said. "The overall effect is a cross between professional wrestling and theater."

The original game, under the lights in 1892, was even more brutal. "Anything goes" summed up the game of football in the 1890's.

One light pole was placed in the middle of the field, during the 1892 game where players constantly collided with it. The game was halted at half-time because "it was inconvenient to continue."

Many things were inconvenient to football players in the 1890's. At one point, then President Teddy Roosevelt outlawed the flying wedge because players were receiving mortal injuries incurred because of the wedge.

The flying wedge will be used frequently in the Alpha Chi Rho reenactment.

The brothers of Alpha Chi Rho are anticipating the arrival of "The Slant" as well as the game itself.

"Even though I've been here a long time, I've never been able to play in the game," said All-American middle linebacker Dave Mitchell, Mansfield football's all-time leading tackler and AXP brother. "I'm looking forward to playing in the game. It will help draw us closer together as brothers and it will give something back to the community that we belong to."

Jason Dunn, the Alpha Chi Rho brother in charge of putting the game together, agrees with Mitchell.

"This will help us keep up our positive community image as well as bring local and national attention to our fraternity," Dunn said.

The brothers are dedicated this year to putting on an entertaining and historically accurate show.

"The game helps add excitement to the 1890's weekend," said AXP brother Mike McEwan. "It shows an accurate reenactment of what 1890's football was all about."

Mounties take on Bombers

by Ron Mash
sports reporter

The Ithaca College Blue Bombers come to Karl Van Norman Field at 1:00 next Saturday to take on a Mountaineer football team looking to find consistency.

The Mountaineers, just off a tough 34-12 loss at the hands of Westminster College, hope to bring together offensive and defensive units which have been an enigma the past two weeks.

"So far we have played two different types of games; one where the offense played well and one in which the defense played well," said Head Coach Joe Viadella. "There is no timing and continuity and we've got to pick up the defense."

Lucas Smith, injured in the Westminster game will return and start

at quarterback. Offensive lineman Barth Carson also returns after an injury in that game. This year's starting middle linebacker, Jimmy Ludwig, is out for the season with a shoulder injury.

Ithaca College, losers last week to Mercyhurst, bring a potent offensive team with a variety of weapons. Against Mercyhurst, quarterback Mike O'Donovan completed 20 passes in 40 attempts while throwing for 291 yards. Ithaca wideout, Matt Buddenhagen, caught six of those passes for 119 yards. Runningback Ryan Carpenter rushed the ball 28 times and gained 98 yards to even out the Ithaca offense.

Although consistency has not been around for the Mountaineers, Viadella feels that leadership has not been a problem.

"The senior class is doing a great job; setting examples, being leaders, pushing kids to be successful. We have eight seniors and it is their football team."

The Mountaintop Mountaineers at the top of their game



Shanna Vitale



Jason Donadi

Shanna Vitale led the Mountaineer Field Hockey team to their 3-2 home opening win over Marywood College. In Vitale's six shots on goal she scored once and kept the Marywood defense off-balance.

Jason Donadi, senior football captain from Weatherly, carried the ball for 111 yards on 21 carries for the Mounties in their loss to Westminster. Ninety of Donadi's yards came in the first half.

Albert wants sex case dismissed

ARLINGTON, Virginia (AP) — U.S. sportscaster Marv Albert's case should be dismissed because his indictment does not specifically say he penetrated his accuser during oral sex, according to a defense motion released Tuesday.

Albert is accused of biting the back of a woman with whom he had a 10-year sexual relationship and forcing her to perform oral sex. His trial on forcible sodomy and assault and battery charges is to begin Monday, and he could be sentenced to up to life in prison if convicted.

Penetration is a key part of the crime of sodomy, defense lawyer Roy Black argued.

"The indictment completely fails to allege the essential element of penetration," Black wrote in the motion. "This defect is fatal to the indictment and requires dismissal."

The May 19 indictment charges that Albert "did by force, threat or intimidation engage in an act of sodomy, to wit: fellatio" with his accuser.

Sodomy, either forcible or consensual,

is a crime in Virginia.

Arlington County prosecutors claim Albert attacked a 42-year-old Vienna, Virginia woman during an encounter Feb. 12 in his room at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

Albert, NBC's lead basketball announcer, had broadcast a Washington Bullets game a few hours before the incident.

A source close to the case told The Associated Press shortly after Albert's arrest in May that the woman claimed Albert became angry when she refused his request for three-way sex involving another man.

In the motion, filed under seal Sept. 10 to Circuit Judge Benjamin N.A. Kendrick, Black claimed the indictment should have provided details of the penetration if prosecutors plan to argue at trial that it occurred.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Theo Stamos said prosecutors will argue at a hearing Thursday that the indictment is sound and they are not required to be more specific.

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Shooting on Penn State main campus one year later

Students talk about what happened on that tragic day in State College

by Michael Raphael

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — One year ago, Cory Kline held a man's hand and became a hero.

On a great wet lawn at Penn State, in the frantic moments after a young woman with a gun shot and killed a student, Kline grabbed onto the man with a bullet hole in his stomach and got him talking.

"You're the one that made me start breathing," Kline remembers the victim, Nicholas Mensah of Philadelphia, telling him a few days later in the hospital.

"Every time I walk by here I always think about it," Kline, 28, a family studies major, said Wednesday. "It gives me the chills."

He stared out onto the grass, which extends from the front of the student union building, and pointed out the bushes where Jillian Robbins sat and fired five shots from her high-powered rifle into a line of students walking to class.

"I don't let the memories come back and scare me," he said as his two-year-old daughter played on a nearby bench. "I refuse to let this area intimidate me."

It rained the day Jillian Robbins, then 19, shot to death Melanie Spalla, a 21-year-old student, a voracious reader, a wisecracker, with a single bullet in the back.

Mensah was hit a few yards away. Kline first thought the gunshots were fireworks. Then his military training and hunting experience kicked in, and he figured out what it was. He ran for cover.

He might have kept running except a student pointed out Mensah, bleeding on the grass. Kline ran across the field, heard another gunshot, and laid down, head to head, next to Mensah.

Meanwhile, Ms. Robbins was reloading. Brendon Malovrh, a senior, wrestled the gun away, dodged a slash of her knife and then stopped her leg from bleeding after she cut herself.

Police later found a bullet on the eighth floor of an apartment building across the street and another in a

nearby church. Two bullets grazed students' backpacks.

Attorneys for Ms. Robbins, who has pleaded innocent to murder charges, do not plan to argue that she didn't do it, but that she was mentally ill at the time.

"This is not a who-did-it," said lawyer William Costopoulos. "This is a question ultimately ... as to the depths of her mental illness."

The trial is still months away, he said, as the psychiatrists hired to evaluate Ms. Robbins need more time to complete reports. Public defender Deborah Lux last week filed a brief arguing that her client suffers from five mental disorders.

Centre County Prosecutor Ray Gricar said he will pursue the death penalty.

A year later, many students remembered hearing about the shooting, but few felt a lasting effect. Cory Engle, 24, an engineering student from New Buffalo, called it a "freak accident."

"You don't worry every day about walking across campus and getting shot," he said.

Several students declined to talk about the shooting. One woman pleaded, "Put this away," as she walked to class.

University president Graham Spanier said he understood students' desires to move on. "But I am sure there are memories that linger for some of our students."

"Certainly I can't help but think about it every time I pass the spot where the shooting occurred," he said. "I don't think I will ever forget the outpouring of concern and civility something that stands in direct contrast to the madness of the shooting itself."

The university held a day-long memorial service and offered counseling to students Wednesday, and presented to Ms. Spalla's parents a plaque to be placed in front of a tree planted in memory their daughter.

And while students again were forced to come to grips with the death of a colleague, Kline said he had found his answers by looking to God.

"I was there for a reason," he said. "It wasn't my decision to be here. I was put here. I'd call the Lord a hero."

Virginia universities are coping with less high school grads

by David Sharp

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — West Virginia colleges and universities are holding the line on enrollments but can expect continuing competition for a shrinking number of high school students, officials say.

The number of high school graduates has been dropping since 1995 in West Virginia and the trend will continue over the next decade, said W. Wes Williams, West Virginia University's vice president for enrollment, management and services.

"The challenge is there," Williams said Tuesday. "It's going to become very competitive."

This fall, most of the state's colleges and universities are reporting flat or improving enrollments, according to preliminary figures provided to The Associated Press.

Only three of 21 institutions responding to the informal survey reported declining enrollments.

The two biggest schools, West Virginia University in Morgantown and Marshall University in Huntington, hope to maintain levels in line with last year's fall enrollments of 21,743 and 13,164, respectively.

Fairmont State expects its enrollment to be same or slightly higher than last year's level of 6,555.

The total preliminary enrollment for the 21 schools was 75,254, compared to 74,499 last fall, according

to the survey. But that figure could grow as the numbers continue to be tallied.

The figures are based on preliminary head counts and estimates compared to official numbers from last fall. The institutions are required to report their official numbers on Nov. 1.

Shepherd College, the WVU Institute of Technology, Davis & Elkins College, and Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Logan all refused to provide figures for the survey.

The decline in high school graduates in West Virginia began at 21,761 in 1995 and will bottom out at 16,644 graduates in the year 2006, according to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

The Chronicle of Higher Edu-

cation ranked West Virginia second in terms of declines in high school graduates with a decrease of 17 percent through the year 2007, Williams said. Only Wyoming's decrease has been more pronounced.

Colleges and universities have responded by boosting recruiting, said Marsha Krottseng, director of research and information systems for the State College System and the University System of West Virginia.

Also, they are working with businesses and industries to create programs and they are working with students in junior high school, she said.

All of those preliminary efforts have helped boost the percentage of high school graduates attending college.

Student allegedly beaten by members of Michigan State University police

the Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The police chief calls it a "forcible arrest." Taneka Jones says she was beaten.

Now, Michigan State University campus police are conducting an internal investigation into the allegations by the senior psychology major.

Ms. Jones, 22, says five officers attacked her after she was stopped for a traffic violation Nov. 23, 1996, slamming her head against a police car

and beating her with a blunt object. Her sister, Alicia Jones who was not present told the Lansing State Journal that Ms. Jones suffered a fractured skull and back and leg injuries.

Campus police Chief Brice Benson told the newspaper in a report Wednesday that he expected results of the internal investigation.

"I'll keep an open mind, but I've seen nothing in all the reports and summaries ... that indicates anything improper on behalf of the officers," Benson said. "It was a situation of conflict where a forcible arrest was made."

Police say that after Officer Mary Fischer issued Ms. Jones a traffic ticket, the student tailgated the officer as she drove away from the scene. Fischer pulled Ms. Jones over again and was punched and kicked, receiving bruises and sprained fingers, police said.

Alicia Jones said, however, that her sister was following Fischer to ask for her badge number when the officer stopped her car, sprayed her with Mace and beat her with her fists. Other officers arrived at the scene and also beat Taneka Jones, her sister said.

Taneka Jones was charged with

assaulting a police officer and with resisting and obstructing an officer. An Ingham County Circuit Court jury convicted her in June of resisting and obstructing but did not reach a decision on the assault charge.

She was sentenced last week to two years' probation and 15 days in the Ingham County Jail, where she is being held until Saturday.

Assistant Prosecutor Catherine Emerson said there is no evidence that officers beat Taneka Jones. "There's not one thing to back up her story," she said. "It's sad, if you ask me."

Calendar

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1pm - MU Mounties football vs. Ithaca College at home.
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Tuesday, Sept. 23

Last day to complete "credit by exam."

3:30pm - Lecture, "Moral Panic and Internet Censorship: The Communications Decency Act and Its Aftermath," in North Dining Hall Manser.



Hey, Kids! Christmas is right around the corner!



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Campus police subdue knife wielding student

Darren A. Meehan
managing editor

Mansfield University police spent more than an hour last week calming an allegedly suicidal woman in

Cedarcrest.

According to Police Officer James Cobb, the Campus Police Department responded to a call on September 14, to the room of Michelle Wilson.

When police officers arrived, they began calming the woman while they kept a foot wedged in the door to

prevent her from locking it.

Mike Lemasters, Assistant Director of Residence Life, arrived shortly after the police. According to Lemasters, the young woman brandished a kitchen knife and threatened suicide.

"When I arrived, she was indicating that she would harm herself," he

said. "She was holding a kitchen knife while the police tried to calm her down."

Lemasters added that both campus security and borough police aided in the process, as well as Dr. Toni,

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North Hall paper charges begin October first

Thomas A. Jones
wire editor

The students of Mansfield University will no longer be able to print paper for free when the Library institutes its printing charges in North Hall. There will be a charge for paper because of the increase in printing by students during the last academic year.

"While we thought we would have an increase in printing, we had no idea we would have as much as we did," said Dr. Larry Nesbit of the North Hall Library.

According to a pamphlet entitled "Printing Charges in North Hall" being circulated by the library, the computers can print pages on laser printers at a price of 3.5 cents per page. The 3.5 cents per page fee is intended to cover the cost of toner, paper, and part of the maintenance and implementation of the cost control system.

"The typical University charged from 7.5 cents to 15 cents per page, and printing went down 70%," said Nesbit.

Mansfield University Provost Joseph Moore, head of the Print Control Committee said, "I wanted to make sure a student could do a 20 page paper for less than a buck."

The provost formed the Print Control Committee during the fall of 1996, according to the library pamphlet. The committee consisted of representatives from the library, faculty, computer center and student body.

In December, the Print Control Committee recommended to the Provost that MU charge 3.5 cents per laser-printed page using a debit card system. The Provost accepted that recommendation in January of 1997.

Rustin Kreider, President of the Computer Science Club, and Student Representative to the Print Control Committee said, "It appeared from the very start of the committee it was going to happen anyway, I tried to get the best deal for the student body."

Nesbit suggested that the cost of the control system would be negligible in the long

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Dr. Larry Nesbit

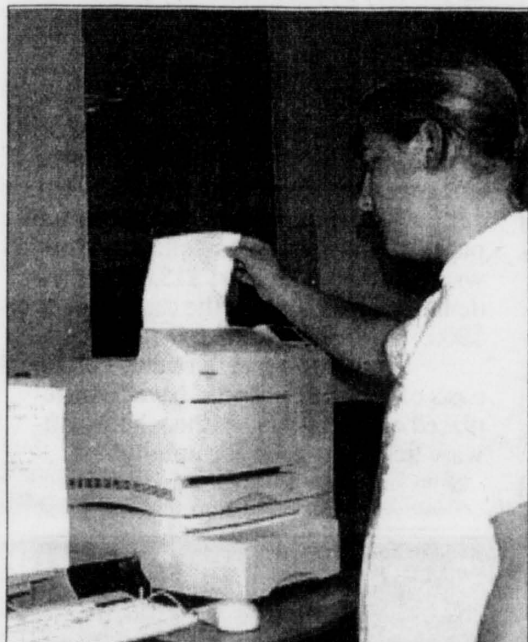


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Come Oct. 1st, students will have to pay for printing on campus

Fabulous 1890's weekend set to entertain Mansfield

Josh Cusatis
news editor

The lovely and serene Smythe Park of downtown Mansfield is currently playing humble host to the 6th annual Fabulous 1890's Weekend.

According to Steve McCloskey, director of sports information and coordinator of sports affairs for Mansfield University, the basic cable, television channel FOX will be attending the reenactment of the first night football game on Saturday.

"FOX will be taping the game for a new show that they have called 'The Slant,'" says McCloskey. "It's a half hour show and we have a 7 minute spot in an episode."

According to McCloskey, this is a major event for Mansfield.

"I think everybody is very ex-

cited about this," says McCloskey. "This is a great opportunity because we're such a small school and town. This is great for good publicity."

McCloskey says that the organization of this taping only took a couple of months to develop.

"I was at a convention in New Orleans," says McCloskey. "A couple of the people I was talking to were from Host Communications which produces the show. There were looking for interesting stories about college football for the show."

McCloskey adds that there was more to the process than just that.

"I told them about the reenactment and they were interested," says McCloskey. "When I got back to Mansfield we started sending information to each other and that's how it happened."

According to McCloskey, this is not the first time that the 1890's Week-



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1890's weekend will entertain Mansfield throughout this weekend

end has gotten national attention.

"Back in 1992, ABC, ESPN and USA Today were here for the festival," says McCloskey.

According to Lucia Hall, co-chairman of the Fabulous 1890's Weekend, this year there will be no events on Sunday.

"We're not having anything on Sunday this year," says Hall. "We're starting things on Thursday night and we've got more scheduled for Friday. This year we've got two soccer games in the plans."

According to Hall, this year's festival should be a successful one.

"It's going to be wonderful," says Hall. "The weather is going to be sunny and warm which will be great for the hot air balloon rides. We've got lots of games planned and there should be tons of people here."

According to Jason Dunn, Al-

pha Chi Rho brother, AXP will again be performing the reenactment of the first night football game on Saturday night.

"We have 22 brothers who will be in the reenactment," says Dunn. "We have 28 brothers so we had a sign-up sheet."

Dunn says that when he first found out about the FOX taping he didn't believe it.

"Steve McCloskey told me and I thought he was pulling my leg," says Dunn. "We're excited about this. We can't wait. We're happy that we can give something back to the town."

According to McCloskey, 'The Slant' is directed towards college football.

"The show is designed to raise interest in college football in people between the ages of 16 and 24," says McCloskey. "It's hosted by Tim Beggy who used to be on MTV's Road Rules."

1890's Weekend Calendar of Events

Friday, Sept. 26

4-7pm Craft and food booths open;
Smorgasbord at Catholic Church
5pm Hot Air Balloon Launch (weather permitting)
5pm Prince and Princess Contest
6pm Junior High Soccer: Mansfield vs. New Covenant Academy
7:30pm Soccer: Mansfield vs. New Covenant Academy
7:30pm Square Dance: The Country Drifters
8:30pm Balloon Glow (approximate time)

Saturday, Sept. 27

7am Balloon launch (weather permitting)
11am Motorless Parade, sponsored by CoreStates Bank
12pm Chicken Barbeque
12pm Contemporary Kicks Demonstration (tent 2 if raining)
12:30pm Seneca Moon String Band

(12:30-2)

1pm Max the Clown
1pm Wellsboro Midget Football
2pm Bonnie Kyofsky: Stories from the Region (tent 2)
2:30pm Professor Marvel's Medicine Show
3pm Max the Clown (tent 2)
3:30pm Hot Air Balloon Demonstration (weather permitting)
4pm Mansfield Men's Chorus
5pm Pop Warner Junior Football
5pm Spare Parts (music; tentative)
5pm Contemporary Kicks Demonstration (tent 2 if raining)
5pm Hot Air Balloon Launch (weather permitting)
6pm Kiwanis Duck Race: Part 1
7pm Kids' Nite Out at Decker Gym
7pm GE Light Bowl: Pop Warner Junior Pee wee
7:45pm Kiwanis Duck Race: Part 2 (at halftime)

Campus Voices

"What do you think of the university charging for paper in North Hall?"

by Brent McCallus and Gene Yager



Marcy Mosher
Junior

"I don't think it's right. I think it is going to be a pain."



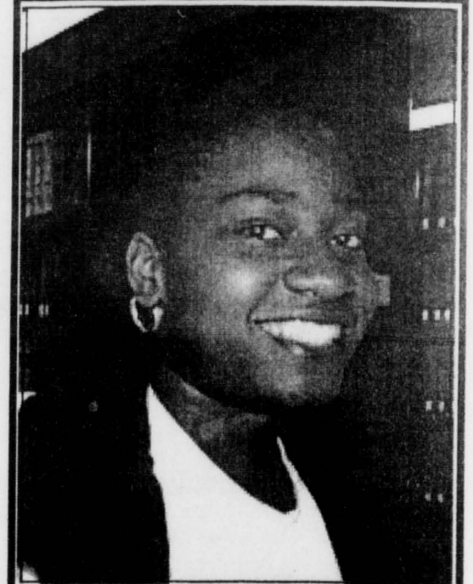
Mindy Slusser
Freshman

"It sucks. We pay enough to go to college here, we should be able to get free paper."



Coleen Doherty
Sophomore

"I think it is pretty lame. The cost of education goes up every year. They should provide paper for us."



Stacey Godlewski
Junior

"I don't think that they should. To me it really doesn't make any sense."

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Baylor-Ayewoh, the counselor who had been working with her.

"Her counselor convinced her to let authorities transport her to the hospital," he added. "We are fortunate that Dr. Bayloy-Ayewoh had been working with her."

Not only was the relationship between Wilson and Bayloy-Ayewoh a vital part of a rescue without incident, but also the relationship between the various forms of authority contributed Lemasters said.

"Obviously the young lady was at risk but we also had to consider the other students living on the floor. But myself, Joe Miller, the RAs (Resident Assistants), and the people working with the girl were a really good example of cooperation between different areas," he

said.

Lemasters would not confirm that Wilson was suicidal but said that she was extremely unnerved.

"She sounded distressed; things weren't going well," he said. "It was a nothings going right kind of situation."

Wilson was transported to Soldiers and Sailors Hospital. Her status at Mansfield University is currently under review pending a psychiatric evaluation.

"Our approach is that if the student is to return to the University, do they have a certificate or have they completed a program. There would be a lot of consultation between various parts of the University," Lemasters said.

Cobb said the matter was still under investigation last week and charges were pending.

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run. The cost control system computers would be replaced by the older ones, and the new Pentium computers would be available for the students' use.

"There would be no real computer cost," said Nesbit.

"The cost for North Hall (of paper) was roughly \$18,000," said Kreider. "And here a system is being implemented which cost \$36,000."

According to Kreider, a good portion of the savings brought about by

a reduction in printer usage, would be cancelled out by the human cost of implementing the system.

Nesbit outlined the cost of the paper charge system as follows: Software; \$10,500. Server; \$15,000. Incidental charges, such as the card readers; \$900.

According to Kreider, certain parts of the system would have to be replaced every 5 years. Although the software license is good for infinity.

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"Extreme Air" came to Mansfield University on Thursday, September. Students enjoyed being shot into the air by a cushion of air for free.

Police Beat

09/15/97 0710
Camplicant states he injured his right foot (big toe) while playing basketball inside new fitness center. Transported to SSMH in private auto. Detained for X-rays and released.

09/17/97 1550
Individuals tossing water balloons from their second floor window.

09/22/97 1655
Fire alarm pull box was activated on

4th floor Maple B near the east stair well.

09/23/97 1010
Medical assist, student taken to Wellsboro Hospital unconscious, suffering from low blood sugar, paramedics on scene, transportation by ambulance.

*Police beat is an exact copy of one supplied by campus police

Fabulous 1890's weekend is coming to Mansfield!
Look for a complete review of the festivities in next week's Flashlight.

Board of Trustees discusses current enrollment

by Josh Cusatis
news editor

At last night's meeting of the Mansfield University Board of Trustees the most important topic discussed was the University's current enrollment.

According to Dr. Joseph Moore, MU provost, this semester's enrollment is up from last semester's but not by much.

"This semester's enrollment is 2907 students which is two more students than last semester," Moore said. "Most of those are non-traditional students though."

According to Rod Kelchner, MU president, this number can be deceiving.

"I disagree with provost Moore," Kelchner said. "Many of those students are what are known as non-traditional registrations. These are people taking course audits, certifications, early registrations, and others."

Kelchner went on to say that this year there are 174 transfer students

as opposed to last year's 173.

"I think that we've reached the amount of transfer students that we are going to get for quite awhile," Kelchner said.

According to Kelchner, MU currently has students from 66 of the 67 counties in Pennsylvania.

"I would venture that none of the other 13 Pennsylvania state universities have students from that many counties," Kelchner said. "The only county that we can't account for is Armstrong."

Kelchner said that most of the students at MU are from Pennsylvania.

"We have a couple hundred students from New York and 48 from New Jersey," Kelchner said.

Kelchner said that Tioga county currently produces the most MU students from this state.

"Number 1 is Tioga county with 604 students," Kelchner said. "Number 2 is Bradford with 473 students and here's where we have the drop-off. Lycoming is third with 99 students, number 4 is Philadelphia and Potter is fifth."

Kelchner also said that enroll-

ment for the summer ACT 101 and Academic Opportunities Program was down this year.

"We have to do something about these programs," Kelchner said. "They're good programs but they are no longer marketable."

Kelchner also mentioned the athletic camps which are held on campus over the summer.

"Athletes are attracted to camps at schools that have good teams in their sports," Kelchner said. "400 plus of the 900 plus people that came here for sports were for baseball. We even had two people from Paris that heard about MU over the Internet."

According to Howard Smith, MU trustee, the next Pennsylvania Associate Council of Trustees conference is going to be held at MU.

"Everything is coming together nicely," Smith said. "It should be a nice time especially since it's going to be held almost exclusively in North Hall."

The following university employees were approved by the Board of Trustees for promotion: from Instructor to Assistant Professor: Thomas Elsasser,

Academic Advising Center, Michele Materese, MU/Robert Packer Department of Health Sciences and Mary K. McEwan, MU/Robert Packer Department of Health Sciences; from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor: LesErik Achey, Library Technical Resources, Dr. Joseph H. Murphy, Music Department, Dr. Barry R. Ganong, Chemistry and Physics Department, Dr. Jean-Anne Teal-Greenshields, Music Department, Jesus R. Lucero, Special Education Department, and Dr. John M. Ulrich, English Department; and from Associate Professor to Full Professor: Dr. Albert Dalmolen, History and Political Sciences Department, Dr. David S. Solan, Business and Economics Department, and Dr. Priscilla M. Travis, Communication/Theatre Department.

Also discussed briefly at the meeting was the new director of fire and police, the new student orientation program and a number of purchase orders were approved by the board.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on November 20 at 11am in the North Hall Community Room.

Lecture focuses on technology and the dangers on the Internet

by Krissy Dennis
features editor

Dr. Lloyd Stires, professor of Psychology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, spoke to MU faculty and students about the demise of the Communications Decency Act, censorship of the Internet and the current state of the mass media.

As it stands now a majority of the media outlets are corporate owned. For example, Time Warner corporation currently controls twenty-four magazines, three cable stations- TNT, TCM and the Cartoon Network; Warner music group, and HBO, said Stires. Television station NBC is affiliated with General Electric and CBS with Westinghouse, said Stires.

"The amounts of money involved are truly staggering," said Stires.

According to Stires, The Communications Decency Act, rejected by the Supreme Court in June, was an expected relief. The CDA, which Stires feels was too broad and narrowly tailored

to protect children, would have interfered with the rights of adults.

"This decision (to ban the CDA) was a great victory for free speech," said Stires. "If it had been upheld, the first amendment would have been no good."

According to Stires, the media put a negative spin on the banning of the Decency Act, which in turn led people to believe that pornography on the Internet would be able to run rampant.

"The goal seems to be to get people to think of Pornography when they hear the word Internet," said Stires. "To call the CDA a ban on pornography on the Internet is misleading."

"It was a utopian vision of the the Internet that most of us had back in the 80's," said Stires. "It had the potential for people to get their message out without interference."

According to Stires, the Internet will eventually contain advertisements, much like television. This reliance on advertisements could lead to too much program control.

Stires also spoke about censor-



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Dr. Lloyd Stires, above, addresses the MU community in North Dining Hall. His lecture on the demise of the Communications Decency Act and other topics relating to today's technology was presented Tuesday, September 23.

ware that can be installed in computers to keep certain items out. These programs will allow for users to rate their material before they post it.

According to Stires this system can have negative effects. For example,

if the word "breast" was blocked out, useful sites pertaining to breast cancer would be inaccessible.

According to Stires, these rating systems can "facilitate censorship."

Look for these topics in next week's Flashlight:
Weekend Health Care: Is there anybody out there?
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Scandal rocks MU campus radio station

by Darren A. Meehan
managing editor

One student was suspended last week after the WNTG 89.5 campus radio station received a complaint from a listener during a radio show two weeks ago, raising concerns over the policies of the radio station as it prepares for a massive upgrade.

The disc jockey, whose name was not released, was suspended for one week from his radio show, which airs Thursdays between 6 and 8 pm when he aired material the radio station deems unfit for broadcast at that time slot.

In a press release issued September 24 with the headline "All Talked Up With No Place To Go, but Out the Door", the radio station addressed the problem:

"A letter of complaint was issued from an offended listener after a WNTG disc jockey broadcasted material

during their radio show on Thursday, September 18, between the hours of 6:30 and 7:30 pm, containing obscenities. The actual obscenities of the broadcast discussed explicit sexual activity and are prohibited by the station policies of WNTG."

They also noted that the offense was brought to the Judicial Board's three WNTG staff members, two WNTG board members and the radio station advisor, Priscilla Travis.

Travis, a professor at Mansfield University, said that the policy of the radio station concerning obscenity was less than clear, and it is subject to change.

"The General Manager, in conjunction with the Board, have established the obscenity policy. It will always be a gray area and... WNTG's content standards change as the society's standards change," she said.

Standards at radio stations differ from station to station. The vague policy set forth by the Federal Communications Commission essentially states

that the content of the broadcast should reflect the community it serves.

Mansfield University, although it mainly serves the University campus, conforms to the conservative community surrounding it. Like WNTG, local radio station WNBZ, which serves Tioga, Bradford, Potter counties and other surrounding areas, must reflect the community. Al Harer, General Manager of WNBZ for more than 20 years, sees standards as a reflection of the station and the disc jockey.

"It is a matter of taste and/or good taste. With a conservative population, you don't get into things in poor taste," he said. "It's really the announcer's discretion. You just don't make statements that are inappropriate."

Harer added that when a situation arises concerning a possible breach of code, the station handles it as efficiently as possible.

"We would handle it within the station. Hopefully, that would be as far

as it would go," he said.

But Harer also said that, for the most part, the station avoids sexual matters.

"We avoid issues of sexuality unless it is in the context of a news story," he said.

In their statement, WNTG also noted that rumors spreading through the campus that the offending disc jockey might allegedly be guilty of sexual harassment are false.

"Since the hearing, rumors have spread that the disc jockey responsible for the obscenities is also guilty of sexual harassment. However, these are only rumors..." they wrote. "The responsible disc jockey is only blameworthy of a breach of WNTG's station policies and is not the first to be guilty of such."

According to Travis, the last time such an offense occurred was in 1993. Like the current situation, she said the Judicial Board took action because one student felt it was inappropriate.

Maresco recovering well after major surgery

by Darren A. Meehan
managing editor

Mansfield University Vice President of Student Affairs Joe Maresco is recovering well after he underwent major surgery Wednesday as friends within the administration anxiously await his return.

According to University President Rod Kelchner, Maresco is doing well and sounds strong.

"He's doing as well as can be expected. His voice sounded fairly

strong given the fact that he was on the table for seven hours," Kelchner said. "He's very well. He sounded good; he was coherent."

Kelchner added that Maresco was confident that the surgery was successful.

"He felt the surgery accomplished all it was to accomplish and he sounded optimistic," he said.

Maresco underwent surgery Wednesday, September 24 in Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre for an enlarged spleen. The operation will keep Maresco in the hospital until next week, but no one expects him back on the job for more

than a month. Both Kelchner and Lemasters estimate his absence from work will last about six weeks.

According to Kelchner, Maresco has been in the hospital three times in the past few years.

"He had his heart surgery two or three years ago and he's had three stints in a row (in the hospital)," Kelchner said. "As of 1:15 pm Thursday, he sounded better than I thought he would after major surgery."

Kelchner also said that although Maresco might have looked in slightly poor health in the recent past, it wasn't carried over from his last procedure.

"He went through a period when he wasn't feeling well but he was well from his last operation," he said.

Tom Elsasser, Academic Adviser in the Department of Academic and Human Development and longtime friend of Maresco's, said he has only one goal for his recovering friend of 15 years who is also his fishing and pheasant hunting partner.

"Our goal is that he is back by November first; the first day of Pheasant season," Elsasser said. "That may be a rush, but that's what we're shooting for."

"Final Approach" feature of lecture in Allen Hall

by Thomas A. Jones
wire editor

On Tuesday, September 23, 1997, the Mansfield University Psychology Club featured the movie "Final Approach" in Allen Hall. The movie began at 8pm and discussion following the film was lead by Psychology Club Vice President, Marquand Brown.

The movie begins with the launch of a secret Air Force mission. The plane experiences problems in flight, and crashes.

Colonel Jason Halsey, played by James B. Sikking, awakes in what appears to be a psychiatrist's office. He has no memory of who he is, or what he is doing in the office.

After entering the psychiatrist's private office, he begins to piece together his memory through a series of flashbacks and seizures. He slowly remem-

bers a mission General Geller, played by Kevin McCarthy of "Problem Child" fame. The aircraft he was flying was commissioned to experiment with a new flight "skin" that would enable the craft to fly invisible to radar.

The movie is filled with subtle references to psychological drama, and features a surprise ending, which is sure to delight and enthrall.

After the movie, Brown opened discussion on the movie.

"There was quite a bit of symbolism that was present throughout the movie," Brown said, "such as the red wine, the bread, even the apple."

According to Brown, the circles presented continually throughout the movie suggest a sense of continuity, and circular motion. This continuity is relevant to the situation Col. Halsey finds himself in.

Freshman Greg McCauley said, "It was quite interesting, the idea of trying to remember what happened."

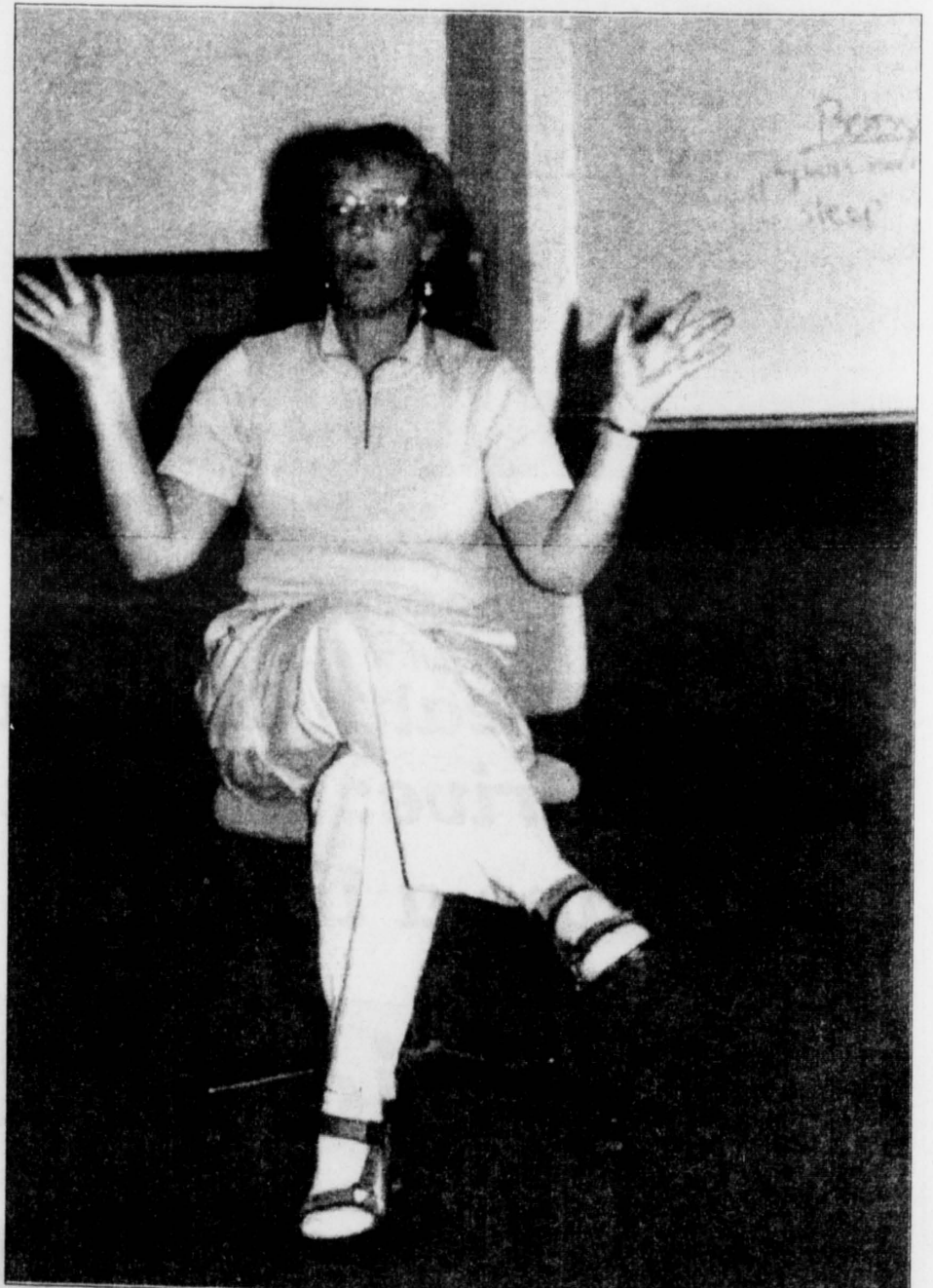


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Jenny Garrison, above, hosted a new student seminar Tuesday, September 23, at 6:30 pm, in Allen Hall. Garrison is registered in Wellsboro as an Imagery Therapist.

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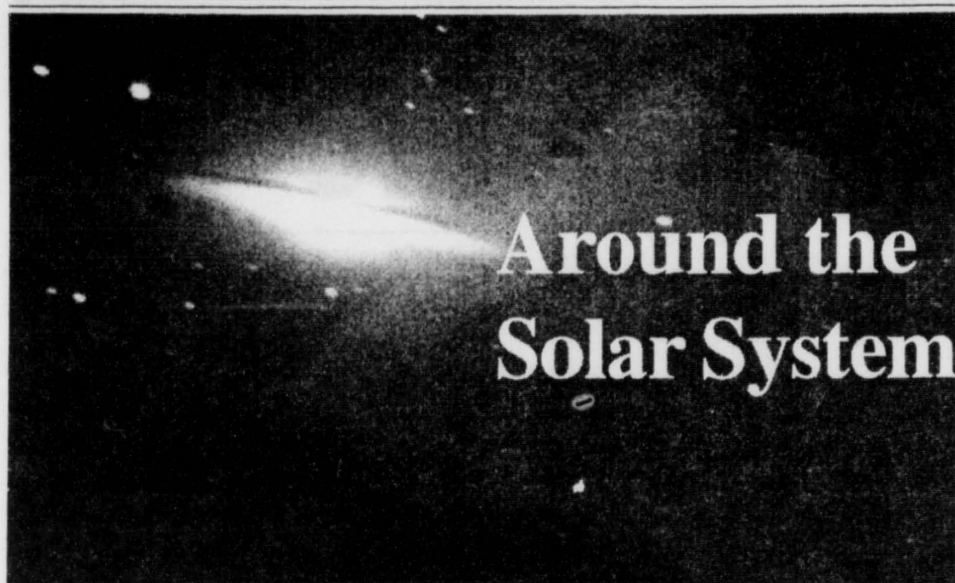
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US Astronaut faces pressures to stay home

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — With only days remaining until he flies to Russia's rickety Mir, astronaut David Wolf finds himself reassuring family, friends and even his boss that he'll be just fine on his four-month mission.

No, it's not the worst job in America, as one TV show voted.

No, it's not a suicide mission.

And no. "I'm not playing Russian roulette or spinning dice to see how many times I can do it before something bad happens."

The hardest sell is to his mom.

"I wouldn't mind if they canceled the whole thing," said Dottie Wolf.

Despite her fears, Mrs. Wolf didn't try to talk her firstborn out of going to the ruptured, accident-prone space station when he visited her in Indianapolis last weekend.

She trusts her son and she trusts NASA.

"When a fellow's mother looks you in the eye and asks if everything will be OK for her son, you know the answer had better be the honest truth," shuttle-Mir program director Frank Culbertson told the House Science Committee on Thursday. "I told her everything will be OK and if I ever discover that it's not, he won't go."

The 41-year-old Wolf, a doctor and engineer, is scheduled to leave Thursday night aboard space shuttle Atlantis, barring another Mir catastrophe or a change of heart by NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin.

Two days later, testifying before the House Science Committee, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Inspector General Roberta Gross expressed concern about the safety of the aging Mir in the wake of a February fire, June collision, repeated computer breakdowns and other "serious problems."

Committee leaders recommended that no more Americans live on Mir although space shuttles could continue to ferry supplies. They left the final decision up to Goldin.

That evening, Wolf spent more than an hour answering TV reporters' questions about Mir safety — an unprecedented use of astronaut time one week before launch. "I need a note that says, 'Let's go fly,'" he said during a break.

It was clearly NASA damage control, as was this full-speed-ahead message from Foale on Mir: "I believe out of this cooperation of America with Russia, which is not always easy, we are achieving some extremely great things."

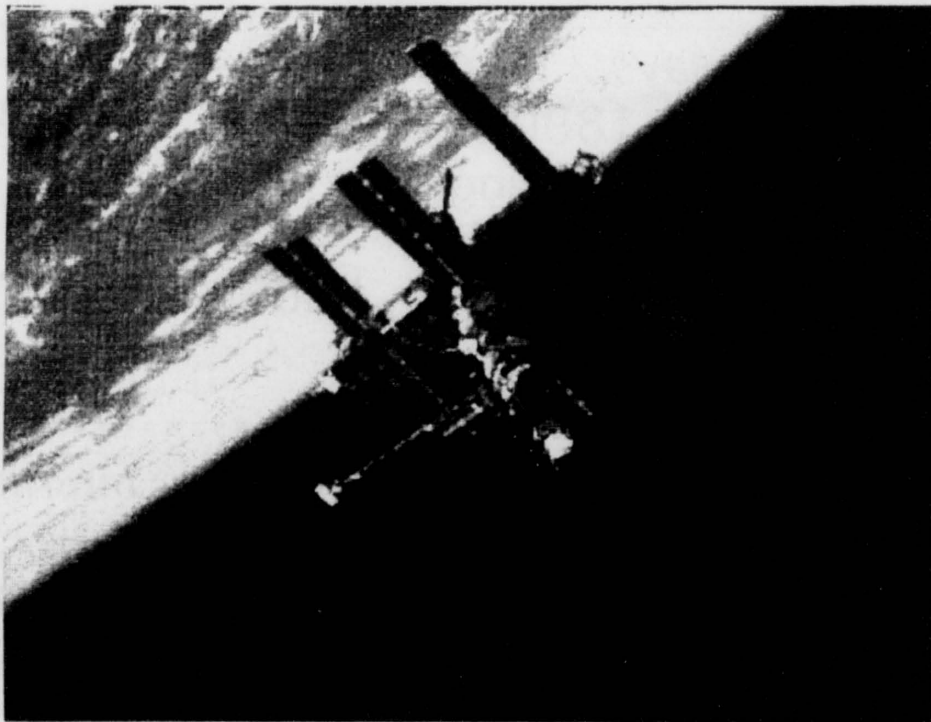
Wolf said he has Goldin's blessing to return immediately on Atlantis if he changes his mind once he reaches Mir. Shuttle commander James Wetherbee said he, too, will speak out if Mir turns

out to be worse than expected. In fact, Wetherbee said he'd bring all three Mir men back — in addition to the seven people on Atlantis — if necessary.

"I think we have a calculated situation, an understood situation, a reasonable situation," Wolf explained. "It's not an easy situation. I don't expect a pleasure cruise out of this whatsoever. But I like adventure. I like operating in critical situations. I understand the problem. I'm sure I can do it."

His mother agrees with that last part, at least.

"He's very levelheaded, very intelligent," Mrs. Wolf said. "He does not do



stupid things. NASA does not do stupid things. There's too much at stake."

No doubt about it: there's a lot more riding on this mission than Wolf and some 7,000 pounds of supplies and equipment that need to be swapped.

Foreign policy is a big factor, as is the future of the international space station, already delayed and plagued by severe cost overruns. Russia is supposed to haul up the first piece of the station in June, seven months late.

Russia's Mir-shuttle program director, Valery Ryumin, said he believes the station would be delayed even more if NASA curtailed its Mir involvement.

"Please recall that there are also factions in Russia that oppose joint operations and they would seize upon such behavior as an opportunity to abandon this work," he said.

What's more, Ryumin said, Americans would look like "sunshine space explorers" who "as soon as something goes a little bit wrong, they decide to head for the hills."

Wolf was slightly unnerved by the setbacks, but is still quite confident.

MIR's computer will be removed/replaced

MOSCOW (AP) — In a change of pace, all was quiet on the Mir Thursday and all the drama was back on Earth, with the Americans weighing the risk of sending another astronaut to the troubled space station.

The U.S. space shuttle Atlantis was scheduled to blast off Thursday night for a weekend rendezvous with the Russian space station. But the U.S. space agency NASA has yet to announce whether astronaut David Wolf will replace the departing Michael Foale aboard the Mir.

NASA is under increasing political and public pressure not to put another American aboard the aging Mir, which has suffered a string of breakdowns in recent months.

NASA was expected to announce its decision Thursday at about the time the Mir's crew was to rise from a long day's sleep.

The two Russians and one American currently on the Mir normally keep Moscow hours. But they slept through the day Thursday as they adjusted their schedule in preparation for the docking with Atlantis, set to take place at 1:30 a.m. Moscow time Sunday (2130 GMT Saturday).

Regardless of whether Wolf joins the

Russian crew, the Atlantis will dock with the Mir, deliver computer parts and other supplies, and take Foale home.

The Mir's cranky computer, which has failed three times in the past three weeks, will be disconnected after the docking and replaced by a new one delivered by the space shuttle, Mission Control spokeswoman Vera Medvedkova said Thursday.

When on-board computer is down, the *"The MIR's cranky computer which has failed three times in the past three weeks, will be disconnected."*

gyroscopes that orient the Mir also go down, and the station's solar batteries, no longer pointed toward the sun, stop absorbing energy.

But when a space shuttle is docked to the Mir, the American orientation system can be used to keep the Mir in position while its computer is being replaced.

After waking, the Mir's crew planned to spend most of Thursday packing U.S. scientific experiments and other equipment that's headed back to Earth.

The crew was also expected to continue their medical experiments Thursday, Medvedkova said. The Russian cosmonauts' scientific program has been cut back because of emergency repair work forced by the station's frequent breakdowns.

Beside the numerous computer failures, the Mir has suffered in recent months from a cargo ship collision, a fire, oxygen generator breakdowns, cooling system leaks and a power blackout.

The MIR space station (photo left) has encountered numerous difficulties during the past few months. NASA anticipates sending an astronaut to MIR sometime in the near future. Meanwhile, Washington politicians debate MIR's future and discuss other space exploration options.

Washington big whigs debate MIR's stability

WASHINGTON (AP) — Russia's aging, leaky Mir space station poses an unacceptable risk and NASA should not send any more Americans, leaders of the House Science Committee said after a hearing on Mir safety.

Astronaut David Wolf is scheduled to be launched on DTrace shuttle Atlantis next week to the Mir. He is to become the sixth astronaut to live on Mir, replacing Michael Foale, who has been on the Russian space station since May.

"There has been sufficient evidence put before this hearing to raise doubts about the safety of continued American long-term presence on the Mir," Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., chairman of the committee.

There is enough evidence, he said, "to force NASA to re-evaluate whether to send David Wolf up on the shuttle next week."

Sensenbrenner said NASA should

stop putting astronauts on Mir, but the agency could continue to supply the Russian space station with space shuttle flights. If Wolf goes on board, he said, NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin will have "some explaining to do and I will give him the opportunity."

"The administrator has been forewarned that he makes that decision at his own risk," said Rep. George E. Brown Jr., D-Calif., the ranking minority member of the committee, who said he shared the chairman's concern.

In the hearing, Russian space expert Marcia S. Smith said that in view of a series of dangerous problems aboard the Mir, "justifying two more flights of NASA astronauts on Mir may be difficult."

Smith, a scholar at the Congressional Research Service, said the Russians are skilled in correcting problems aboard the Mir.



Around the Nation

Mob hitman faces a second trial for murder

CHICAGO (AP) — Two decades ago, reputed mob hitman Harry Aleman was acquitted in a shotgun execution by a judge later accused of taking a \$10,000 bribe to fix the case. Now Aleman is on trial again for the murder.

Cleared years ago of gunning down the union official, Aleman — who is serving a prison sentence for racketeering — is at the center of a case challenging the legal provision of double jeopardy, which holds that a person cannot be tried twice for the same crime.

The state Supreme Court upheld the second trial and a circuit judge's ruling that double jeopardy protections did not exist because Aleman was never in danger of being convicted in 1977.

Cook County prosecutors are trying to convince jurors of the same thing.

"In 1977, this defendant's trial ... was a sham," Assistant State's Attorney Neil Linehan said in opening statements Tuesday.

Prosecutors seeking to bolster that argument offered the testimony of Robert

Cooley, a former attorney and police officer who has appeared in a number of Chicago's biggest mob and corruption cases since turning government informant in the 1980s.

Cooley testified that he arranged a \$10,000 bribe to Cook County Judge Frank Wilson, acting as middleman between the judge and corrupt politicians with ties to Aleman.

The judge accepted to bribe to fix the case, Cooley said.

Aleman ultimately was acquitted of shooting Teamsters union steward William Logan as he walked to his car in September 1972. Wilson, who was never charged, committed suicide in 1990.

Cooley testified that Wilson tried to get more money because of the strength of the government's case, but Cooley warned it would be dangerous to back out.

"You've got to do what you said you'd do, or we're going to have a problem," Cooley recalled telling the judge.

Serpico testifies before New York City Council

NEW YORK (AP) — In the early 1970s, he was vilified by cops on the take and hailed by officials seeking political gain. He was shot, self-exiled and made a celluloid hero.

Now, Frank Serpico is back in the spotlight.

Testifying Tuesday at a City Council hearing, the legendary whistleblower endorsed a revived proposal for an independent monitor to investigate complaints made by cops about corruption and brutality in the New York Police Department, the nation's largest.

Serpico, 61, said afterward that he felt "relieved."

"I feel I finally had the opportunity to say my piece," he said. "I wasn't given that opportunity before."

The hearing on the proposal for an outside review board came in the wake of the vicious attack on a police prisoner, Haitian immigrant Abner Louima, on Aug. 9. Officers allegedly beat and sodomized Louima in the bathroom of the 70th Precinct stationhouse.

The police Internal Affairs Bureau quickly arrested the alleged attackers.

University of Ottawa professor ordered to pay student fine

OTTAWA (AP) — The University of Ottawa is reviewing its plagiarism policies following a court ruling that found a professor guilty of taking credit for one of his student's papers.

The former business student, Paul Boudreau, pursued the legal battle for six years before winning the case last month. It is believed to be the first judgment of its type in Canada.

Judge Monique Metivier ordered the university and Professor Jimming Lin to pay Boudreau \$7,500 plus all his legal costs.

"We're looking at what could have gone wrong," said university spokeswoman Helene Carty, referring to a re-

view of how the school investigates plagiarism allegations.

Boudreau, now 44, is a manager for Northern Telecom, a major telecommunications company. As a graduate student in 1991, he submitted a paper about telephone circuits that was presented by Lin a year later at an academic conference under the professor's name.

Boudreau said many other students have had their work expropriated by professors, but unlike him, did not have the financial means to undertake a legal fight.

The university says Lin is on sick leave, and has declined comment.

IRS agent admits to "shady practices"

WASHINGTON (AP) — IRS agents struggling to meet collection quotas are targeting lower- and middle-income taxpayers "who can't afford to fight back," the chairman of a Senate committee asserted Tuesday as he began hearings into reports of tax-collection abuses.

Sen. William V. Roth Jr., R-Del., said a six-month investigation by his Finance Committee also had found that tax assessments were being levied to "simply raise the individual statistics of an IRS employee" and that there was a "commonplace" use of tax collection quotas to rate agents or officers.

The Internal Revenue Service denied it targeted lower-income families and small businesses for audits — and said agency statistics prove it. And the tax agency said collection quotas were outlawed in 1988.

Democrats said they welcomed a fair and bipartisan review of IRS activities

"I deeply regret any mistreatment of taxpayers."

Secretary Robert Rubin

but bemoaned several recent GOP fund-raising letters seeking to capitalize on criticism of the tax agency.

"People want us to do something about the IRS," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi replied when asked during a break in the hearings about one recent letter he sent out. The issue "has a lot of appeal," he said.

The treasury secretary and acting IRS commissioner have apologized in advance to taxpayers who might have been harmed in cases that will be aired later this week.

"I deeply regret any mistreatment of taxpayers," Secretary Robert Rubin said in a letter to Roth. And Rubin has asked the IRS to describe discipline and corrective actions it has taken in response to abuses.

Democrats also have criticized Republican plans to present current and former IRS agents testifying behind screens and with their voices distorted to disguise their identities. That borders on sensationalism, the Democrats have said.

"This is not IRS bashing," Roth said. "We can't fix the IRS without knowing what ails the IRS."

"Over the course of the next three days we are going to see a picture of a troubled agency, one that is losing the confidence of the American people, and one that all too frequently acts as if it were above the law," he said.

In another specific area, Roth suggested the agency too often allows revenue officers to use false identification.

"I'm concerned that it makes them unaccountable," he said.

Tax collectors can use registered pseudonyms if they can show they face threats. "Assaults on IRS employees, sad to say, are a reality," said IRS spokesman Frank Keith. Some 350 of the agency's 102,000 employees use the registered pseudonyms.

The head of the National Treasury Employees Union, which represents IRS workers, predicted that hearings severely critical of the agency would lead to a backlash against employees.

"There is a direct correlation ... between bashing the IRS and having IRS employees being subjected to threats and assaults," said the union's president, Robert Tobias. In the past five years, there were 3,200 reported threats and assaults on IRS workers, according to the Treasury Department.

In one measure of the political tension surrounding the hearings, the National Republican Senatorial Committee accused Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle of trying to obstruct the hearings after the committee was forced to adjourn for the day prematurely.

Daschle, of South Dakota, had all Senate committee meetings shut down late Tuesday morning to protest the GOP's handling of several issues unrelated to IRS issues, Senate aides said.

Factors behind the push for the hearings include persistent management problems at the IRS, especially in regard to a \$3.3 billion computer upgrade slow responses and incorrect answers on the agency's telephone help line and other customer service problems such as erroneous computer form letters.

Several senators acknowledged that Congress played a role in the problem.

Virginnia Man shows up drunk in court for DWI hearing

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — A Maine man who allegedly showed up drunk in court for sentencing on a drunken driving charge was jailed until he sobered up.

Vermont District Court Judge Brian Burgess delayed Tuesday's hearing for Luke Lacroix, 32, of Gardner, Maine, for a day.

Lacroix was in court on a charge that he entered Interstate 89 in Williston headed the wrong direction in January and caused a head-on crash. The driver of the oncoming vehicle suffered minor injuries.

Lacroix planned to plead no contest to drunken driving.

Lacroix, who has two previous convictions for driving while intoxicated, had an alcohol level of 0.16 percent

when he arrived at court for his 11 a.m. hearing, Deputy State's Attorney Phil Danielson said. Drivers in Vermont are presumed intoxicated at 0.08 percent.

"Somebody made a comment that there was an odor (of alcohol)," said Danielson.

A friend drove Lacroix to the hearing, his lawyer Norman Blais said.

Blais said he planned to ask the court to send his client to an alcohol treatment program in Maine.

"He had been consuming some alcoholic beverages," Blais said. "I think we all came to the conclusion that it would be best to have the sentencing hearing take place when there was no question that he was not impaired."

Blais declined to say why his client would drink before sentencing.

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Tired of the same old pork!

Each semester the students of MU head back to school, their home away from home. Many students work hard over break to earn some extra spending cash. Once in a while it is nice to go downtown and get a movie or maybe eat out. Most students consider this to be a little added bonus. However, at MU it has become almost necessary due to rising costs on campus.

For the most part, on campus students have their meal plan paid for through loans or grants. For commuter students this option is inefficient since they do not spend a whole lot of time on campus. Lucky them. If they get hungry and they forgot to bring something from home they have to go to Mountie Den. Usually there is little time between classes to go downtown and grab something.

Lately Mountie Den prices have far exceeded the prices of the downtown stores. The students of Mansfield University are obligated to eat on campus due to convenience. Basically Mountie Den had a monopoly on the food service available to MU students. There is only one place on campus to get foods like Lipton Sauce and Rice or Easy Cheese - Mountie.

And that, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Jury, is the problem.

The Mountie Den is a monopoly by government decree. It is also illegal, and bad business for everyone involved.

The Mountie Den is a monopoly. Mansfield University is a state school. By living on campus at Mansfield University, a student is forced, FORCED, to purchase a meal plan. Whether an individual decides to take advantage of this service (and the word advantage is used very loosely here) the student must spend hard earned money, or in the case of a loan, money to be earned through hard work, on a bloated, out-of-control system that perpetuates itself and denies students the most fundamental economic right. The right to choose.

The Mountie Den has deceived every student, and conned, if not swindled, too much for what is provided. But that is the very essence of a monopoly: substandard goods at inflated prices. Without the "threat" of competition, the food services have no incentive to control costs, cut waste, or maximize quality. Whatever they give us, we have to accept.

This government instituted monopoly is also illegal.

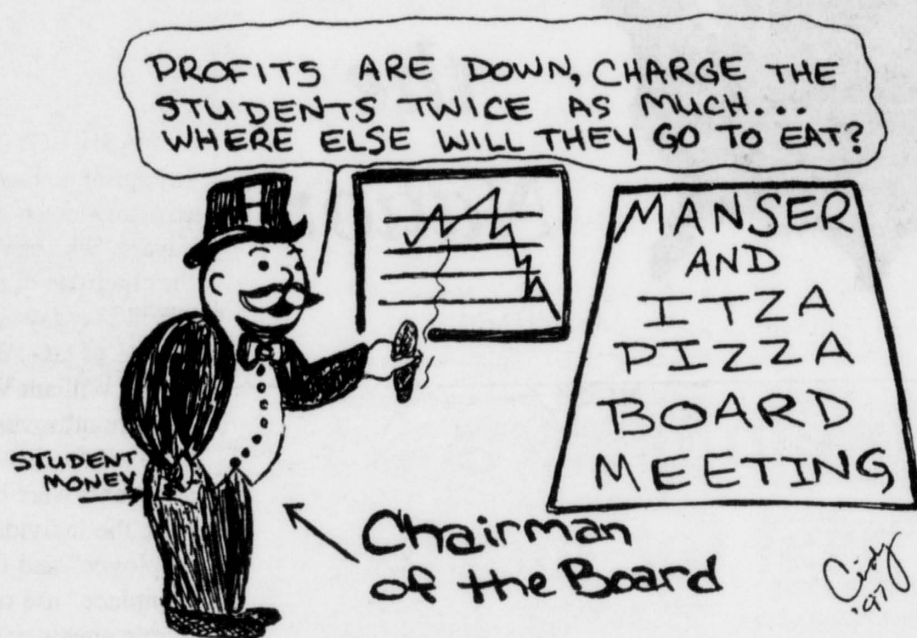
The Sherman Anti-Trust Act forbids monopolies, whether established by the Government or Private Industry, except in times of war. Considering that Canada has not, nor has any foreseeable intention of invading anytime soon, the Mountie Den has no legitimate purpose monopolizing the student's food service.

Regardless, no other business has any hope of really competing with the Mountie Den. Why go off campus and pay extra for food, albeit in many cases, much better food, when you have already paid for the slop being shoveled around Manser, day in, day out? It should not be impossible to deliver better food than South Side.

The Mountie Den is bad for business. Like any monopoly, the Mountie Den has no reason to improve any aspect of itself. Why should it? By improving quality, or serving the customers (that's us) better, they lose profits, and they might not be able to afford to pay themselves the ridiculous salaries they must do already.

Imagine, if you will, Mansfield University with a food service system that faces competition. Gasp!

The inevitable outcome is obvious, the Mountie Den would have to set higher standards, improve food quality, and offer more nutritious foods if they wanted a chance in hell of staying in business.



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Commentary

Quebec partitionists say violence may be used in secession

by Maurice Girard

MONTREAL (CP) — Quebecers are notorious for their strong dislike of any form of violence.

They opposed conscription before the Second World War and rejected the call to violence by the Front de libération de Québec in the '60s and '70s with equal disdain.

Now, while Ottawa watches from the sidelines, some federalists are using the possibility of violence through partition to quell the separatist threat.

Their strategy is to challenge the separatist claim that Québec's secession will be smooth and uneventful once English Canada gets over it.

But will this tack work?

"It did on my 80-year-old mother, who voted Yes in previous referendums," says Guy Bouthillier, president of the nationalist St-Jean-Baptiste Society of Montreal.

"Now, she's afraid the world as she knows it is falling apart, she's scared."

Bouthillier claims that old people are not the only group targeted by the partitionists, who have taken their campaign outside Québec with the adoption of pro-partition resolutions in towns bordering the province.

"Immigrants take it seriously because many lived through a similar experience in the country they come from," he added. "Those two groups are already less likely to support separation."

Congressional pay raises cause debate

by Walter Mears

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress has been trying to figure out how to raise its pay without political punishment since the first increase in history prompted a voter revolt. It's been 181 years, but the quandary persists.

Witness the latest attempt at an increase, a 2.3 percent cost-of-living raise hustled through the House as part of an appropriations bill that does not mention a congressional pay raise.

The \$3,072.80 annual increase takes effect unless Congress acts to forgo it, as the Senate did earlier and as the House had for the past five years. House critics of the pay boost say they plan to contest it now, although nobody did when the bill was passed last week without any discussion of congressional pay.

Leaders in both parties worked it out that way, avoiding a direct vote on pay. House Speaker Newt Gingrich favored the increase. "But I think it has to be done out in the open, in public, and people have to see the vote if it's going to happen," he said in an ABC interview just days before arranging to have it done quickly and quietly.

The Senate put a congressional pay freeze into its version of the bill, and the issue will have to be settled when the House and Senate negotiate and vote on final terms.

That means debates, attempts to undo the raise and campaign fodder for candidates readying 1998 challenges for House and Senate seats. For an outsider, a congressional pay raise is a ready-made issue.

Hence the repeated efforts to keep it low-profile, which haven't

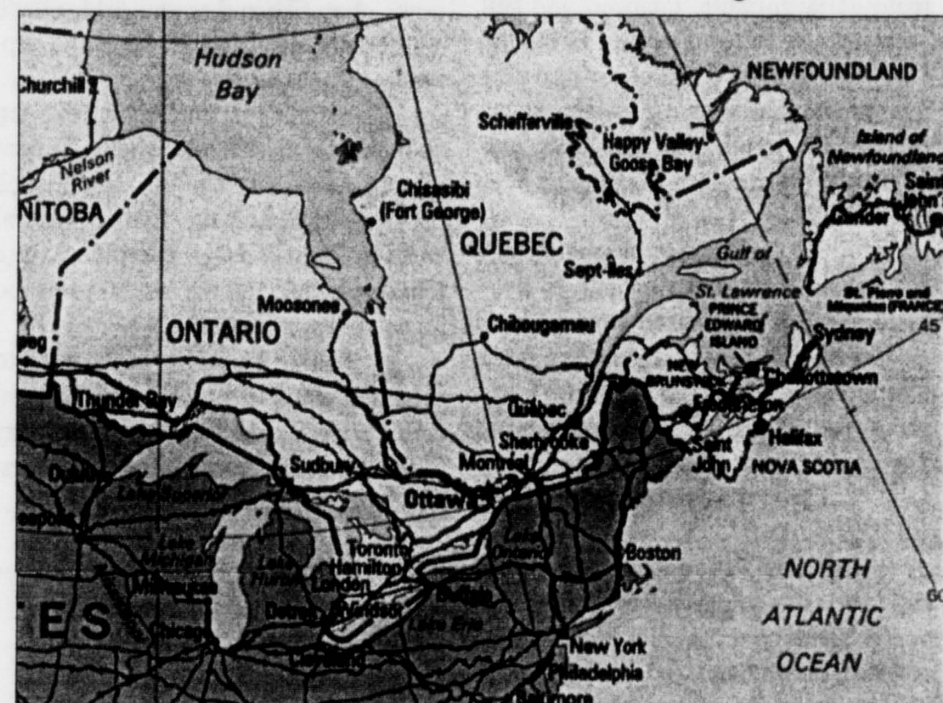


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Quebec is a Canadian province located north of the New England region in the United States. Quebec partitionists have recently said that violence may be a possibility in Québec's secession.

There are early signs that other voters are also having second thoughts about sovereignty.

Polls indicate that separation is a little less popular than two years ago and that a majority of Québecers would not oppose partition, a finding that still baffles analysts.

The surveys also suggest Québecers want Premier Lucien Bouchard to participate in informal constitutional discussions.

Bouthillier says the partitionists play on old prejudices. "They still think Québecers are cowards, that they lack

courage," he said.

For partitionist leader Keith Henderson, any violence that takes place will be the fault of the separatists since they will need a unilateral declaration of independence to bypass Canadian laws.

This will make Québec sedition, Henderson said. "And anybody who will help to do it (separation) is a criminal," including Bouchard and his entire cabinet.

That's why Henderson wants the PQ government to state it will "never use force to give effect to a unilateral declaration of independence."

The debate about partition and violence has raised concerns among separatists and other Québec nationalists.

An adviser to Bouchard, Jean-François Lisee, has been put in charge of building a coalition of Québecers against partition.

Bouthillier echoes the statement made this week by the president of Québec's second biggest union, Gerald Larose, who accused partitionists of being racist.

"We have to denounce this idea as being racist in the line of thought of Adolf Hitler and Ian Paisley," the Protestant leader who is fighting any solution to the Northern Ireland impasse.


Former premier Jacques Parizeau on Thursday heaped scorn on what he called the "bovine" attitude of francophones towards threats of any form.

"Look, I don't even remember having had contact with a society that has been as abused as ours, to that point, (and accepted it), with such placidity," he said in a speech at a book fair in Québec city. "There's something almost bovine about it."

The audience, just slapped in the face, burst into applause.

Bouchard reiterated Parizeau's message on Friday.

"I think that Mr. Parizeau has very legitimately issued a type of warning call and reminded Québecers that they have to defend their rights and identity right away," the premier said



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Your favorite Rosh Hashanah recipes

the Associated Press

According to the age-old Rosh Hashanah custom, apples and challah are dipped in honey to symbolically wish for a sweet new year. Writes Faye Levy in her new cookbook, "The Low-Fat Jewish Cookbook" (Clarkson Potter, \$24.95), "Some Sephardic families begin the meal with symbolic fruits and vegetables. They eat small portions of dates, pomegranates, pumpkins, leeks, and Swiss chard....Certain Moroccan families add sweet poached quinces to these Rosh Hashanah appetizers."

"Honey cake flavored with cocoa, coffee, cinnamon, or other sweet spices is the dessert of choice for Rosh Hashanah," Levy writes. "Honey cake is of Ashkenazic origin; there are many similar sweets prepared throughout Europe."

"Today Sephardic families enjoy honey cake too, but might also serve such treats as light almond cake, filo pastries sprinkled with confectioners' sugar, or fruit-filled cookies. Whatever your family's origin, it's always a good idea to accompany dessert with an assortment of seasonal fruit, for a nutritious start to a healthy new year."

Levy's recipe for Baked Chicken in Spicy Tomato and Grilled Pepper Sauce is flavored with a sauce made from roasted jalapeno, bell peppers and generous amounts of garlic and cilantro. You can make the pepper sauce ahead or simmer it while the chicken is baking.

Serve the chicken with couscous or rice. This dish can be reheated in its own sauce in a covered baking dish in a low oven.

Baked Chicken in Spicy Tomato and Grilled Pepper Sauce

3 large green bell peppers
1 large red bell pepper
3 jalapeno peppers
5 garlic cloves, peeled
1/2 cup small cilantro sprigs
28-ounce can and 14 1/2-ounce can plum tomatoes, drained
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon paprika
2 1/4 teaspoons ground cumin
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Pinch of cayenne pepper, optional
4 1/2 pounds chicken pieces, skin removed
1 large onion, halved and sliced
Cilantro sprigs, for garnish

Broil the green and red bell peppers, turning every 4 to 5 minutes, until their skins are blistered and charred, a total of about 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, broil jalapeno peppers, turning often, about 5 minutes in all. Transfer the peppers to a bowl and cover; or put in a plastic or paper bag and close the bag. Let stand 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, mince the garlic in a food processor, add the cilantro sprigs and mince together. Add the tomatoes and chop coarsely by pulsing.

Peel the jalapeno and bell peppers using a paring knife. (Wear gloves when handling jalapeno peppers if your skin is sensitive.) Halve the peppers; discard the seeds and ribs. Cut bell peppers into 1/2-inch dice. Chop the jalapeno peppers. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.

In medium saute pan, warm the olive oil over low heat. Add 1 1/2 teaspoons of the paprika and 3/4 teaspoon

of the cumin; mix well. Stir in the tomato-garlic mixture, jalapeno and bell peppers, and salt and pepper. Bring the sauce to a simmer. Cook uncovered over medium heat, stirring often, 10 minutes or until the sauce thickens. Taste and adjust the seasoning; add cayenne pepper if desired.

Put the chicken pieces in shallow roasting pan large enough to hold them in one layer. Season them on both sides with salt, pepper, remaining 1 1/2 teaspoons cumin and remaining 1 paprika. Rub spices into chicken pieces. Top chicken with sliced onion.

Cover the chicken with foil and bake 30 minutes. Uncover, turn pieces over, and bake 20 minutes. Add 1/3rd cup hot water to pan juices. Spoon the pepper sauce over the chicken. Bake uncovered, basting once or twice, about 15 to 25 minutes or until the chicken is tender and the juices run clear when the thickest part of a thigh piece is pierced with a sharp knife. Serve the chicken with sauce. Garnish with cilantro sprigs. Makes 6 servings.

According to the editors of "Beyond Chicken Soup," the kosher cookbook published by the Auxiliary of the Jewish Home of Rochester (N.Y.), the foods served at Rosh Hashanah go far beyond tradition. Not only do they sustain the body, but they also nourish the soul with metaphors, mysticism and remembrances.

Sliced apples and pieces of challah bread are dipped in honey to signify the hope for a sweet year ahead. Honey also finds its way into dishes as varied as tzimmes, honey cake and honey pastries. Some brisket recipes also call for a bit of sweetening.

For Rosh Hashanah, the shape of the challah is varied slightly. Instead of being formed into a long braid, it is coiled into a round to symbolize the desire for a well-rounded, full and wholesome year. Sometimes it is braided to form a crown.

To ensure that the year is sweet, fruits such as raisins are often added to the batter. (Sorosky offers two options: one with oranges and dates and the other with multicolored candy sprinkles, which she calls Manna from Heaven Challah.)

The following recipes are from "Beyond Chicken Soup" (Jewish Home Auxiliary, \$19.95).

Aunt Gussie's Famous Gefilte Fish
Cooking Time: @ 2 hours

For the Broth:

3 onions, sliced
2 carrots, sliced
1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons white pepper
Bones of the fish
3 quarts water

For the fish:

1 1/2 pounds pike, skinned and boned
1 1/2 pounds freshwater whitefish, skinned and boned
1 large onion, grated
1/2 cup seltzer
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon white pepper
2 eggs
3 tablespoons matzo meal, as needed

For the broth: Put the onions, carrots, salt, pepper and fish bones in a 6- to 8-quart soup pot. Add water to cover, plus at least 1 inch more. Bring to a boil and simmer while preparing the fish.

For the fish: In a large wooden bowl, chop fish and onion. Add seltzer, a little at a time. Add salt, sugar and pepper.

Add eggs, one at a time. Keep chopping. This will take about 30 minutes by hand. You can also use a food processor to chop the fish in several batches. Then blend all the fish mixture together by hand. If the batter seems too loose, add matzo meal.

Using a heaping tablespoon to measure, place fish on your wet hands, roll into a ball and drop into the boiling broth. Simmer, covered, for two hours. Makes 24 to 36 small balls.

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I Can't Believe It's Not Chopped Liver
Cooking Time: @ 30 minutes

Chilling Time: @ 2 hours

2 cups water
1 cup lentils
2 bouillon cubes, chicken or vegetable
1 teaspoon olive oil or margarine
1 large onion, chopped
1 cup walnuts
Salt and pepper, to taste
Parsley, for garnish
Cocktail rye bread
Crisp raw vegetables

In water, cook lentils with bouillon cubes, covered, in 2-quart saucepan, about 30 minutes, or until tender. More water can be added if neces-

sary. Drain.

Heat oil in skillet. Saute onion until translucent.

In a food processor, process lentils, onion and walnuts until desired consistency. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Chill. Serve mounded on a platter and garnish with chopped parsley. Surround with bread and/or vegetables. Makes 2 cups.

chicken.

Place chicken in a shallow baking dish. Drizzle any remaining oil over chicken. Bake in preheated 375-degree F oven for 45 minutes, basting several times with pan juices, until skin is browned and juices run clear when a thigh is pierced at thickest part with a fork.

Remove 1 tablespoon seeds from pomegranate. Set aside for garnish. Squeeze juice from remaining pomegranate through a sieve into a small bowl.

In small nonreactive saucepan, mix pomegranate juice, wine, lemon juice and cinnamon-sugar. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low and cook 5 minutes. Season sauce with salt and pepper to taste.

Transfer roasted chicken to a serving platter and pierce each piece several times. Pour sauce over chicken. Garnish with seeds and serve at room temperature. Makes 4 servings.

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Where: Manser Hall, South Court, Mountie Den, Gallery
When: Wednesday, October 1, 1997 at lunch.

Kreative Korner

Your weekly horoscope by Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

Anything that you have previously started needs to be pushed to the next level now, so get on with it. Your personal life takes precedence this week, so don't hesitate to resolving any troubling situations. Keep your energies focused, your goal is at hand.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

You have a very sensible and practical philosophy on life, as long as you can avoid getting into a rut. Take a few chances. With just a little extra effort, you can charm most of the people around you to your way of thinking, so put on a big smile.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

Support for your ambitions will come from both your family and your friends. Money matters in general are not looking real bright lately, take the time to re-evaluate just where you spend your money. You are very flexible in your thinking, which will open up doors.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

Your feelings towards those you love are deep, but you don't always agree with their ideas and actions. Having the tendency to go to extremes will cause some friction at home - let moderation be the key to keeping everyone and everything on an even keel.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)

It's time to let go of some of your past problems, which will bring a soothing influence on your present thinking. It may be best to modify your behavior in the workplace before problems arise. Having such a strong ego will get you in trouble over and over again.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

There may be conflict with someone you love, but it can be avoided if you listen before you speak. While you are practical by nature, you would never

know it this week, since you seem to be spending money everywhere you go. Some quiet time will be good for you.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

Balance is really what works for you, so exercise moderation when dealing with your relatives and family members. Make your time count, especially when dealing with children. You seem to be taking a whole new look at yourself - rebuild your image in a positive way.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

A smile will go a long way, so try to be tolerant of others, even if you strongly disagree with them. There are new doors of opportunity being thrown open for you, so be aware before the chance passes you by. Try to keep a low profile and you will be surprised at what gets accomplished.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

Make changes now in your financial picture, and money matters will start to look better almost immediately. Try to go against your most extravagant nature and steer towards conservative thinking instead. There is a positive exchange of energy in a partnership.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

Your partner or members of the family may be impatient, so you should be at your best to deal with them correctly. Clear up any misunderstandings as soon as possible. You seem to have plenty of mental energy this week, use it to your advantage in the workplace.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

Avoid any impulsive spending, or it will put you more in the hole than you can imagine. But do follow your hunches in money matters, especially

those in which you do not have much experience. Be candid in your communications and it will smooth out any snags.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

You are in tune with the feelings of someone you love, making it easy to do just the right thing - how nice. If you are feeling a bit depressed and out of sorts, don't sit around and mope, start making new friends instead. The truth is hard to get at this week.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:

You don't like to be taken unaware by emotions, so be prepared. There is much about you that is never revealed, and you prefer it this way, your privacy is extremely important. Others may see you as being too picky. Welcome change in your life.

(This horoscope good for the week of sept. 28-Oct.4)

nutty bars

"Lessons"

We stepped out into the rain, my umbrella a barrier between warmth and wet.

Her frame exposed like a virgin on the altar.

Her face slightly tilted to the sky.

Slow anonymous drops beat on my shield and she laughs at my hesitance.

The rain dances on her brow like Fred and Ginger, in a slow step.

Fast, heavy streams knock so loud on my shield, persistence wins...

Mesmorizing rain, baptising rain seeps through my hair.

Penetrating rain washing out some old stains, cleansing rain just pours down.

Thunder sounds and lightning strikes.

Sweet comfort rain blankets us.

by: krissy dennis

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Sky Lines

Ride into the big blue sky or off of a big cliff with me

by Gene Yager
midnight editor

O.k., so you really don't care for what I have to say. Maybe you are one of the three people who actually have read my columns in the past, but I seriously doubt it. We have several options here. I could go off into a deep, philosophical campaign. That is something, however, that neither of us really wants. Instead, let me tell you a story. Before my pilgrimage to Pennsylvania, I lived in New York City. In the city, there is a little place called China Town.

The red light in the window shown through the curtains in the win-

dows. It illuminated a part of the room, as well as several cold, damp bricks on the exterior of the apartment house. Opium smoke billowed out the cracks on the sides of the window. The smell echoed down the stairway, into the foyer where I stood, eyes falling out of my skull. Heroin will do that to a person. If I die they won't notice. Just a few more bones in the pile. I can't remember how long I have been standing here. A year, a day, a few minutes. Now it was time to decide. They had been upstairs for a while now. At least it seemed like a while. I had a thought of going upstairs to make sure that... oh, Christ. That was... no, that would be impossible.

A figure with green eyes and a

short temper lurked in the inky blackness outside. I knew those thoughts. It's thoughts. My thoughts. It didn't matter now. It was too late for any second guessing. I grabbed a fire extinguisher from the wall and threw it out the closest window. Jumping out the window, my arms were cut on the glass. Weirdest thing—the pain was incredible. It flowed throughout my body like the warm, 98.6 degree blood that was flowing out of my body.

"This is 98.6, K rock, home of classic rock and roll, where classic rock never dies..." Riding down the freeway, my mind drifts to last summer's vacation. Hawaii. The kids had a hell of a time. Little Jimmy played on the beach

for what seemed like an eternity. Jesus, that trip was a mind-blower. I still have pieces of little Jimmy's skull in my sky-blue silk shirt. Next time, I should use a nine millimeter. The shotgun splatters, you imbecile. I hate myself, I really hate you.

The needle slipped into my vein.

And when the rush comes it will be

so ...relaxing.

Nothing. Moves. In. Reality.

Hours, days pass?

And then the rush comes

And I need another goddamn

fix the pain is gonna kill me if I can't...

Kill your television, read a book and call your momma!

by Josh Cusatis
backup editor

So, I have to ask you. Is it really worth it? What I mean is, why do we go through the trouble?

You're sitting there at four in the morning and you've just realized that there is work that you have to get done. I mean really have to get done. All that you want to do is go to bed or perhaps you're one of those people that likes to see the sun come up everyday before you go to sleep? Maybe all that you want is a cup of tea and a cigarette.

Do you really like what's on TV at four in the morning or are you denying what you really feel in your soul? The need to just go and live the life that you have been given.

Face it, we waste away our

lives in front of a screen not ever realizing what we've done with ourselves. Nothing! Absolutely nothing!

TV truly is the opiate of the masses and it's getting worse. I thought it was bad when we got computers and then the Internet. Another screen to destroy our eyes! But now there are companies that are trying to market the Internet over TV. Oh, Joy!

Don't get me wrong, I have nothing against the Internet. I actually find it useful at sometimes but those are few and far between. And there are a few shows on the tele that are actually of worth. They're hard to find though and if you aren't careful you can get sucked back into the same old system of TV.

I had the fortunate luck over the summer to have two and a half months and they were quite enjoyable. I had no withdrawal symptoms because of not having cable and I found myself hav-

ing more time to do things that seem more important in life. I also read more books in two weeks than I ever thought possible.

I started this column twelve minutes ago. Sometimes I can astound myself by how fast I write. So, we'll see how fast I can get this one done. 3000 characters is the maximum for me tonight because I really need to get to my morning class with a little bit of sleep because I do have a cold.

So, what I have to tell you is that people are trying to take over the world and the only way they are going to do that is by controlling the masses which is us. TV and other screen seems to be the perfect way to keep people in line.

If you don't want to be controlled then you have to turn your TV off. I won't tell you to get rid of your tube because face it, you probably paid

good money to buy it and it can be useful in some situations if used wisely. You never know when a tornado is going to rip through Mansfield. I'm not joking, it really could happen. It has in Wellsboro. This summer even.

You should read a book. You should call your mother. You should wash your hands. You should get some sleep. You should throw that week old pizza out. You should declare a national day of rest. You should tell your friends that you no longer want to negotiate with them and that it has now come down to war.

I'm saying that the world needs a couple screws tightened and that this might be one of the ways that we could do that. Think about it.

Well, it only took me twenty-four minutes. Bite on that one Squeeze Cheese!

Who will walk me home? Maybe I need a pet man!!

by Krissy Dennis
features editor

Oh, boy do I have a good story for you. What exactly were you doing at 4:30 am really, really early Friday morning? You were probably safe and sound tucked away in your nice cozy beds getting that well deserved rest. Isn't that special?

Right around that time I was sleeping. I didn't even hear the phone ring. Maybe it's because I'm getting old. I just realized this week that I am considered a nontraditional student. Maybe I'm just careless. In any case, I failed to realize that I had three pages to lay out this week instead of two. Silly me.

Most of you probably don't even know what the hell I'm talking about. You just pick up the paper around Two in the afternoon and flip through. Do you even read my pages? Maybe after this you will.

Anyway, hear I sit trying to fill the void on the elusive page. Luckily the other Flashlight peoples filled up about 3/4 of the page. One good thing came out of it though. I'll get to go to breakfast at 6am. Thank God I won't have to stay in bed and get the 80 hours of sleep I've been missing since the beginning of the semester!

There is no pity here, but it's okay because I'm a big girl. The only bad part about coming back up to the office in the middle of the night is walking back by myself. Man, am I hot about this subject.

When I went to walk home around 1am I had to ask someone to go with me. Why you ask? Because I have breasts. Basically that is it. Usually I'm

not really scared, but lately I've been conservative.

Anyway, I started to venture home and there was this really big guy coming in my direction. I would have ended up meeting him at a dark spot in the street. So I did what my instincts told me to do. I turned around and made a guy from the office walk me home.

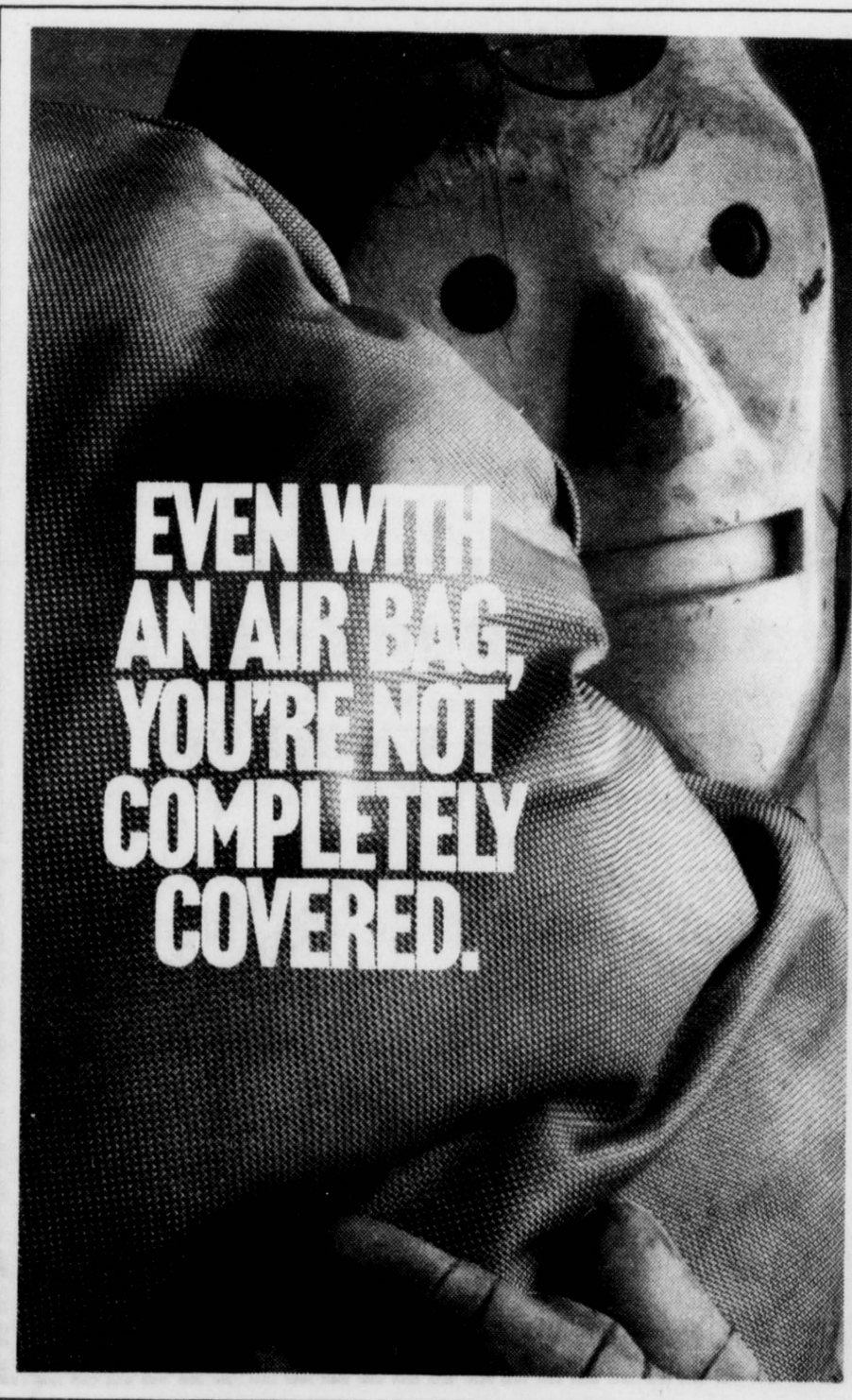
I really don't mind doing it. I should say I don't usually mind, but right now I'm bitter. It's a sad fact of life that I have to rely on a man to get me home safe. It's a good thing I can wipe myself.

When I was Freshman I used to walk home by myself. I don't the times have changed. It probably wasn't safe back then either, but I just didn't realize it. Now that I'm a little older and wiser I actually think I'm not invincible. I know I'm not invincible. Of course I also knew that I only had two pages to do this week.

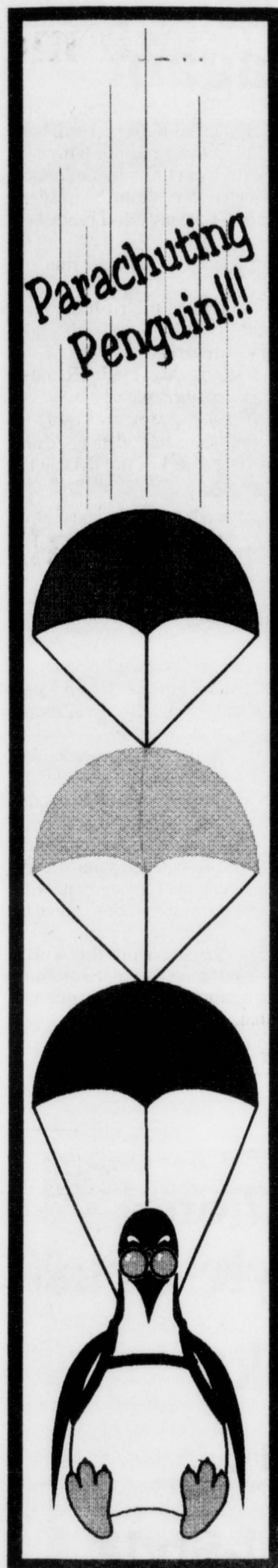
There are just some things in this world that can't be changed. I could always buy some mace, but let's be honest, I'd probably hurt myself. Most people actually mace themselves.

I could get a big scary dog, but where am I gonna put her? I could even get a Boa Constrictor, but that too could turn ugly.

Maybe I'll get a pet man. Now there is a novel idea. Does that sound sexist? Pretty sexist that I have to have an escort on my way home too. I hope I don't sound too mad. Oh God, another monstrous lie. I must be stopped. Maybe I'll feel better next week.



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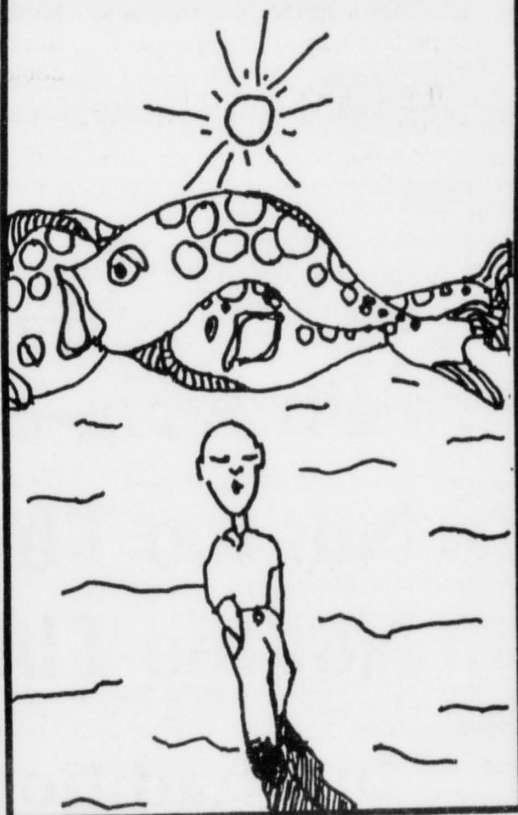
Breaking up with my girlfriend was terrible. We broke up in the beginning of a series of long, dark, cold winter nights.

I began to muscle spasms in my back and develop a facial twitch.

Love is a powerful thing. It can climb mountains, swim oceans,... play chess.

I'll never forget her.

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Second half jinx strikes Mountaineers again

by Joe Wagner
sports editor

The Mansfield Mountaineers second half jinx remained with them for their last week's game against the Ithaca Blue Bombers.

The Mounties were tied at half-time, 14-14, despite the fact that two of their best defensive players were sitting on the bench. Gabe Kamarouski was sidelined last week with a bad ankle while Jim Ludwig will most likely miss the entire season because of a shoulder injury.

The Mountaineer offense did not skip a beat in the beginning of last week's game however. Sophomore quarterback Lucas Smith returned after only one week from his collarbone injury and led the Mansfield offense by connecting with his receivers 15 of 30 times for 212 yards passing.

Jason Donadi had a good game as well. He amassed 92 yards on 20 carries for the afternoon. On the day, Donadi slipped into third place on the Mansfield all-time rushing list with 2,821 rushing yards.

Perhaps the offensive standout for last week's game was Nate Davis, of Wellsboro. The fullback had five catches to lead the Mounties, as well as the Bombers, in total reception yards with 110. Davis also carried the ball twice and

gained eight yards on the ground.

The Mountie defense shut down Ithaca for all of the third quarter and almost exactly half of the fourth quarter.

With seven minutes left on the clock though, Ithaca scored three quick touchdowns to put the game out of reach in almost a heartbeat. With the 42-17 loss, the Mounties dropped to 0-3 overall on the season.

Mansfield will face Lock Haven this weekend at Karl Van Norman Field in Mansfield. The Lock Haven Bald Eagles (0-3) are looking to turn their program around as are the Mounties.

"This is a big game for both programs. It's an intense rivalry for both teams and both teams are hungry to win," said third year Mansfield Head Football Coach Joe Viadella. "We continue to improve each game and sooner or later that improvement will pay off."

The two teams match up with each other well. Mansfield's offense has all the ingredients to become explosive while Lock Haven's sixth ranked PSAC defense is getting stronger.

"Lock Haven has shown a very good defense so far this year and we're getting better offensively. It should be a great football game," Viadella said. "I think the outcome will be decided on who can move the ball the best."

Kickoff for Saturday's game is slated for 1:00 p.m. at Van Norman Field.



photo by Thad Woodward

Eric Chandler, 6'7" 398 pound, offensive tackle provides pass blocking for Lucas Smith during the Mounties game against Ithaca last Saturday.

Field hockey picks up win



Jason Feather
Asst. Sports Editor

It was a game that the Mansfield Mountaineers field hockey team had to win to even their record for the season.

When the Mounties traveled to Slippery Rock University on Wednesday they got that chance and weren't going to pass it up.

The long ride may have proved to have some ill-effects, but nothing that the Mounties couldn't overcome in winning 3-2.

The win improved the Mounties record to 2-2 overall and 1-0 in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

Slippery Rock falls to 4-4 overall and 0-3 in the PSAC.

The first half had a lot of action, and four goals scored.

Mansfield got on the board two minutes into the first half on a goal by sophomore Christy Sunchych.

SRU was quick to tie the score up at 1-1 with 31:01 left on a goal by Vicki Peterson.

Mansfield was able to go back on top on a goal by Tandy Carey at the 25:05 mark.

However, Slippery Rock tied it back up before the half on a goal by Jamie Ginsberg.

Junior forward Shanna Vitale scored the go-ahead and game winning goal of the game on a deflected pass at 27:12 of the second half.

The game was sloppy at times, but Mansfield was able to come out on top in the end.

"We didn't play well, but we did what we had to do to win," head coach Vickie A. Sax said. "We have some things to do to get ready for Saturday."

When Sax said Saturday, she was referring to the 1 p.m. contest against Kings College on Saturday afternoon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Football -

9/27 (H) vs Lock Haven

Field Hockey -

9/27 (H) vs Kings College

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Mounties face Lock Haven

Jason Feather
Asst. Sports Editor

On Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. in Karl Van Norman Stadium the Mountaineers will be hosting the Lock Haven Bald Eagles in a game between two teams fighting for their first win.

This will be the 56th meeting between the two schools. Lock Haven holds the overall lead in the series, 33-18-4. However, the Mounties have a 6-3-1 record over the last ten meetings.

Last year Manfield won the rain soaked contest 6-3 down in Lock Haven.

The Mountaineers saw their second half woes continue in dropping a 42-17 decision to Ithaca College.

Tied 14-14 at half-time, Ithaca scored 21 points in the final 7:07 of the game to pull out the victory.

At half-time in its first three games of the season, the Mounties have trailed Southern Connecticut (17-7), led Westminster (9-6), and were tied with Ithaca (14-14).

MU scored on its first possession of the game against Ithaca with sophomore fullback Nate Davis taking a screen pass from sophomore quarterback Lucas Smith for a 56-yard score.

In the second quarter, Smith found freshman tight end Michael Klecko for a 15-yard TD to tie the score.

Junior kicker Randy Teter added a 25-yard field goal in the fourth quarter.

Senior Jason Donadi continued to move up the MU career rushing list. His 92-yards on 20 carries moved him into fourth place.

In addition, Donadi slipped into third place in career all-purpose yardage with 2,821 yards.

The Bald Eagles dropped a 17-3 decision to Bloomsburg on

Saturday evening.

John Miller hit a 26-yard field goal for Lock Haven's only score of the evening.

Lock Haven's defense played well against the nationally ranked Huskies picking off two passes, recovering a fumble and blocking a field goal attempt.

"This is a big game for both programs," Mountaineers head coach Joe Viadella said. "It's an intense rivalry for both teams and both are hungry for a win."

The Mountaineers have progressively gotten better since the season opener against Southern Connecticut.

"We continue to improve with each game and sooner or later that improvement is going to pay off," Viadella later said.

Although both teams are 0-3, the game should have a bowl atmosphere.

Mansfield will be celebrating both Family Day and the "Fabulous 1890's Weekend" which includes the re-creation of the world's first night football game.

The FOX television network will be on location to film a segment of their national collegiate football show "The Slant" during the weekend.

They plan on using footage of some of the MU-LHU game as part of the seven minute segment from the weekend as well as the re-creation of the first night football game and other activities of the day.

"The Slant" is scheduled to be broadcast with the Mansfield episode on Oct. 7, 8 and 11th before the FOX college game of the week.

Sports Information Director Steve McCloskey contributed to this article. For more information on the game or the 1890's activities contact him at 662-4845.



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Mike Lane finished 12th, with a time of 29:48, at the Baptist Bible Invitational. The Mounties finished in sixth place out of a field of 12 teams.

Liddick finishes first at Invitational

special to the Flashlight

Freshman Brianne Liddick of Elmira finished first in a field of 57 runners at the 13th Annual Baptist Bible College Invitational last Saturday afternoon.

Liddick crossed the finish line with a time of 19:31, nine seconds faster than the runner-up, Hanna Wright, of Dickinson College. Kristen Clark, also a freshman, finished seventh as fellow Mountaineer freshman

Catherine Deithorn finished 17th.

In the men's competition, freshman Todd Stewart of Hornell finished second overall to lead the Mountaineer men to a sixth place finish in the eleven team field. Stewart's time of 27:56 was second to Kevin McGinnis of Stevens Tech in the 87 runner field.

Senior Mike Lane of Athens was 12th with a time of 29:48 with Matt Opdyke placing 25th with a time of 30:41.

The Mountaineers travel to to Bloomsburg this Saturday.

Arena Football League to expand

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Buffalo has been awarded an expansion team in the Arena Football League and will begin play in the 1999 season, the league announced today.

The addition of Miami in the 1998 season and Buffalo in 1999 will bring the number of teams in the league, to 16 which is entering its 12th season of play.

Mark Hamister, chairman and chief executive of Buffalo Sports Enterprise, will oversee all team operations as

owner of the yet-unnamed team. He will also serve on the AFL Board of Directors.

The league has teams in: Albany N.Y.; Anaheim, Calif.; Des Moines, Iowa; East Rutherford, N.J.; Houston; Miami; Milwaukee; Nashville, Tenn.; New York; Orlando, Fla.; San Jose, Calif.; Tampa Bay, Fla., and West Palm Beach, Fla.

Buffalo will play at the Marine Midland Arena, home of the NHL Buffalo Sabres.

Ballesteros plots European strategy for Ryder Cup against United States

SOTOGRADE, Spain (AP) — Seve Ballesteros fought too hard to gain respect for European golf to let the first Ryder Cup played on the continent slip away in his native Spain almost before it begins.

He rigged his roster, changed the order of play and then packed his team with veterans for the opening matches against a U.S. team that seems to be the superior side.

It is as if Ballesteros senses the Americans could win in a runaway if they get off to a fast start Friday. So he popped awake before dawn Thursday to put together the lineup he hopes will get his team going in better-ball play.

"I think Miguel Angel Jimenez was a little bit unhappy this morning," Ballesteros said of his assistant captain.

"Because at quarter past five I called him in his room and said, 'Come over to my room. We have to make the pairings.' He said, 'Are you crazy?' And I said, 'It's a good time because in the morning I'm more sharp.'"

Only a trace of a smile crossed the lips of Jimenez, who was sitting to the left of Ballesteros and nodded his head slightly as if to say, "That's Seve."

That is Seve, indeed.

His captaincy of the European team in the 32nd Ryder Cup at Valderrama Golf Club has been as free-wheeling and swashbuckling as the style of play that made him one of his generation's most compelling players.

"There is no question, being a captain is more pressure," said Ballesteros, who has been known to make birdies from parking lots and hit 4-woods from his knees. "When I'm playing in the majors, I don't remember waking up at four o'clock in the morning."

Ballesteros was criticized three weeks ago when the European Ryder Cup committee replaced injured Miguel Angel Martin with Jose Maria Olazabal.

The haste with which the move was made seemed to support the theory that Ballesteros wanted the experienced Olazabal on the team instead of the untested Martin. It also freed him to make Nick Faldo and Jesper Parnevik his two captain's picks.

That done, Ballesteros asked Kite if the traditional order of matches could be switched. Ballesteros wanted better ball, not alternate-shot play, to come first, and Kite agreed.

"I think I know why Seve wants to do that," Kite said. "He thinks he'll get a better feel for how the players are playing by watching them in the morning play their own ball."

Perhaps that is the edge Ballesteros is seeking. Perhaps he also knows that Europe won 28 of the 40 better-ball matches played from 1983 through 1991.

And when the pairings were announced on Thursday for the opening better-ball matches, Ballesteros went with six of his seven players with Ryder Cup experi-

ence.

The first match will have Olazabal and Costantino Rocca facing PGA Championship winner Davis Love III and Phil Mickelson.

Faldo, who breaks the Ryder Cup record Friday with his 11th appearance, teams with rookie Lee Westwood against Fred Couples and Brad Faxon.

Then the two Swedes — Per-Ulrik Johansson and Parnevik — take on Tom Lehman and Jim Furyk.

Tiger Woods and Mark O'Meara, neighbors in Orlando, Fla., who play together frequently, will anchor the U.S. team in the final morning match against Colin Montgomerie and Bernhard Langer.

Scott Hoch, Jeff Maggert, Lee Janzen and, perhaps most surprisingly, British Open winner Justin Leonard, will sit out the morning matches for the United States.

The only one of Europe's seven players with Ryder Cup experience to sit out better-ball play is seven-time veteran Ian Woosnam.

Also not playing in the morning matches for Europe are Darren Clarke, Thomas Bjorn and Ignacio Garrido — all Ryder Cup rookies.

"These are in my opinion the most experienced pairings," Ballesteros said. "I have two rookies in Parnevik and Westwood, but overall the thought is based on experience here."

The six veterans playing for Europe have experience in a combined 28 Ryder Cups.

Kite also went with experience — only Woods and Furyk lacked previous Ryder Cup exposure. Couples, with four previous Ryder Cups, and O'Meara with three, are the senior members of the U.S. team.

"I had to leave four off," Kite said when asked about the absence of Leonard in the morning matches. "For best ball, this is a pretty outstanding lineup."

Kite, who has steered clear of any gamesmanship with Ballesteros, showed some irritation when reminded that Montgomerie said the tight fairways of Valderrama do not suit Woods' game.

"We're going to have the opportunity over the next couple of days to find out if Colin was right," Kite said.

Kite said he has known his opening pairings for a couple of days and indicated he already knows his pairings for Friday's afternoon alternate-shot matches.

Ballesteros, meanwhile, remains undecided.

"I don't have the foursomes in my mind yet," he said. "Probably 4:30 tomorrow morning."

Miguel Angel Jimenez better get to bed early. The phone will be ringing before dawn.

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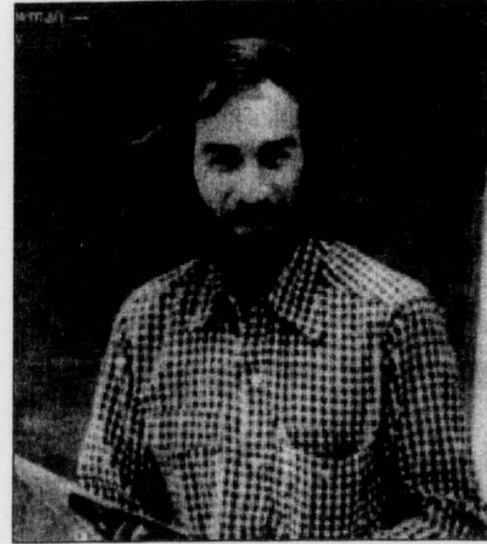
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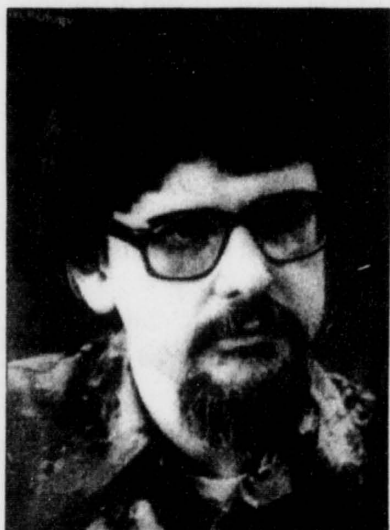
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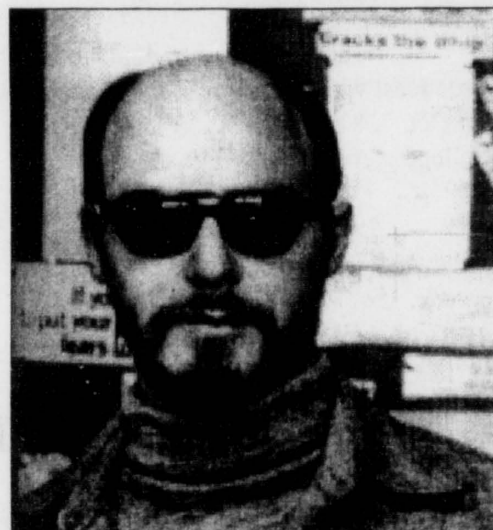
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Saturday, Sept. 27

Parent's Weekend

8am - 1:30pm - Orff Workshop.

10am - Cross country at

Bloomsburg Classic.

1pm - MU Mounties football vs.

Lock Haven at home.

1pm - MU Mounties field hockey vs. Kings College at home.

8pm - University Prism Concert in Steadman Theatre.

Sunday, Sept. 28

3pm - University Prism Concert in Steadman Theatre.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

12:30 - 1:30pm - 1998-99 Student Teachers Pre-Registra-

tion Meeting in Grant Science Planetarium.

3:30pm - MU Lecture Series:

"Citizenship and Racial Politics: The Case of Nazi Germany" in North Dining Hall, Manser.

4pm - MU Mounties field hockey vs. Shippensburg University at home.

Wednesday, Oct. 1

11:45am - 5:45pm - Red Cross Blood Drive, coordinated by Student Union, in North Dining Hall, Manser.

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Blood drive doesn't meet goal

Beneficial cause supported by several organizations

Bryan Murphy
staff reporter

This past Wednesday, North Dining Hall played host to this semester's Red Cross Blood Drive.

According to Tom Johnston, Director of the Student Union and coordinator of the blood drive, there were 124 productive donors, down from last semester's 133.

"Fall is always lower collection than spring," Johnston said.

The goal was to have 150 people donate blood, there were 145 registered.

Johnston said, "I'm always open to more suggestions about how to get more donors."

According to Johnston, they didn't do the blood drive any differently this semester, but "Publicity is the most important thing, especially at the last minute."

The blood drive was supported by many organizations on campus including: Panhel, the Inter-Fraternity Council, Aramark, All Residence Hall Council, and Student Government Association.

"IFC was great. It was the best turnout ever," Johnston said.

Johnston continued, "The representatives of Panhel have continued a new scheduling system that insures great coverage throughout the day."

Annette DuPlessis, an Alpha Sigma Alpha sister and blood drive volunteer, said, "There were 8 sisters, 2 from each sorority, during each one-and-a-half hour timeslot."

The Panhel representatives job's included handing out snacks and escorting donors.

IFC representatives were responsible for setting up and taking down the cots that were used in the blood drive.

There was a drawing to give out three \$50 Wal-Mart gift certificates, donated by ARHC.

Eileen O'Brien, a blood donor, said that she gave blood because "It's something I can do to help other people."

O'Brien said that the blood drive went well, but there was a very



photo by Sallade

The blood drive, which fell 5 units short of their goal Wednesday afternoon, was supported by several student organizations. Included in the list are the following organizations; Panhel, Inter Fraternity Council, Aramark, All residence hall Council, and the Student Government Organization. Pictured above is one of the many donors.

long line, "I waited almost 2 hours to donate."

This was reiterated by DuPlessis, "One kid said it took him an hour to get from the sign-in to the snack area."

Shannon Guinan, Mansfield University senior, said that she did not give blood because, "I got a tattoo in the past year, they won't let me."

Guinan said that she wouldn't

have given blood anyway, "I don't like needles or the sight of blood."

However, when asked if she would recommend blood donation she said, "Sure, if they can handle it, I just can't."

O'Brien agreed, "Donating blood's a good thing to do. It's something that almost anyone can do to help out other people."

Prism concert entertains MU

Thomas A. Jones
wire editor

This year Mansfield Music Department presented its annual Prism Concert last weekend. This Concert featured the music students of Mansfield University in solo, chamber, and large ensembles.

The concert was held on Saturday, September 27 at 8:00pm, and on Sunday the 28th at 3:00 pm.

According to Associate Professor of Music Joseph M. Murphy, the Prism concert was sold out on Saturday night, and close to 2/3rds full on Sunday.

"The program consisted of 17 groups, and lasted about 70 minutes," said Murphy. "It highlighted all the aspects of the music department."

The concert cost \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students, although group rates were available, according to Murphy.

Murphy said, "The concert proceeds benefitted the music scholarship fund. We actually charge for very few concerts."

According to a poster distributed by the Prism Concert coordinators, the concert was "An hour of music from all corners of the hall... Music to be enjoyed by one and all... Music as though experienced through a PRISM."

Murphy also wanted to thank those responsible for the concert.

"It was a joint effort," said Murphy. "There were at least ten faculty members involved."

Both the President, Rod Kelchner, and the Provost, Joseph Moore attended the concert.

President Kelchner said that the concert was excellent entertainment and that the balance was great.

"I enjoyed the evening immensely," said Kelchner.

Provost Moore attended the concert on Saturday evening. He wanted to complement the concert and its organizers because of the classy program and

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1890's Weekend well received, attendees enjoy new additions

by Josh Cusatis
news editor
Bridgette Maney
staff reporter

This year Mansfield played host to a successful and well received sixth annual Fabulous 1890's Weekend.

According to Ben Nevin, president of the Mansfield area Chamber of Commerce, this year was one of the best for crowds in years.

"It was the best crowd that we've had since the bicentennial," said Nevin. "I attribute it to the good weather and Parent's Weekend. There were a lot of people at the parade this year too."

Nevin said that there were additions to the festival's schedule this year.

"We had a lot of people at the events we held at On The Green," said Nevin. "This was the first year that we had that."

According to Nevin, there was a lot more to offer to the people this year.

"This year we were able to put booths around the whole park in a circle," said Nevin. "You could

walk all the way around the park. There were people everywhere."

Nevin attributes this to the utilities that were available this year.

"We got water all the way around the park," said Nevin. "We also had more lights this year."

According to Steve McCloskey, Mansfield University director of sports information, said that the taping of the world's first night football game reenactment for the FOX television show "The Slant" went very well.

"John Baden (producer of 'The Slant') said that the taping went better than he expected," said McCloskey. "He was very pleased with everything. All of the history about the 1890's festival, the festival itself and the (MU) football game with Lock Haven (University)."

McCloskey said that there are no plans for FOX to return next year but that doesn't mean that there will be no television exposure next year.

"This is a lot more exposure for Mansfield and the university," said McCloskey. "Someone else like ABC could see that broadcast and have a desire to come next year."

Lucia Hall, chairman for the Fabulous 1890's Weekend was unavailable for comment.



photo by Sallade

Mansfield, Pennsylvania once again played host to 1890's weekend. This years crowd was reported to be one of the largest ever.

Campus Voices

"How do you feel about the quality of food in Manser in relation to the cost?"

by Megan Sallade



Andrew Jarvis
Freshman

"I think it's fairly proportional"



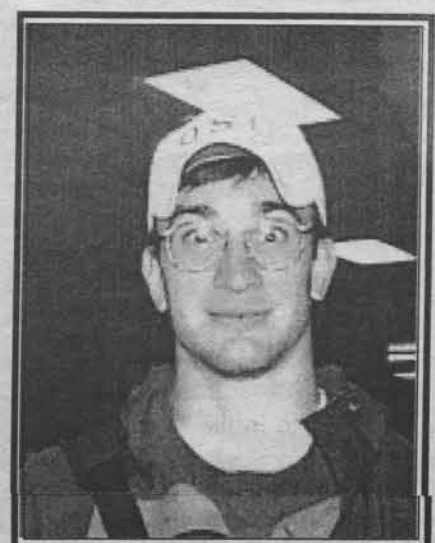
Lori Watkins
Junior

"There's no variety and the quality of the food is poor"



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diversity of music offered.

"I think it is a real testimony to the faculty, students and music pro-

gram," said Moore. "It was very enjoyable."

This years' concert was the third annual Prism Concert according to Murphy.

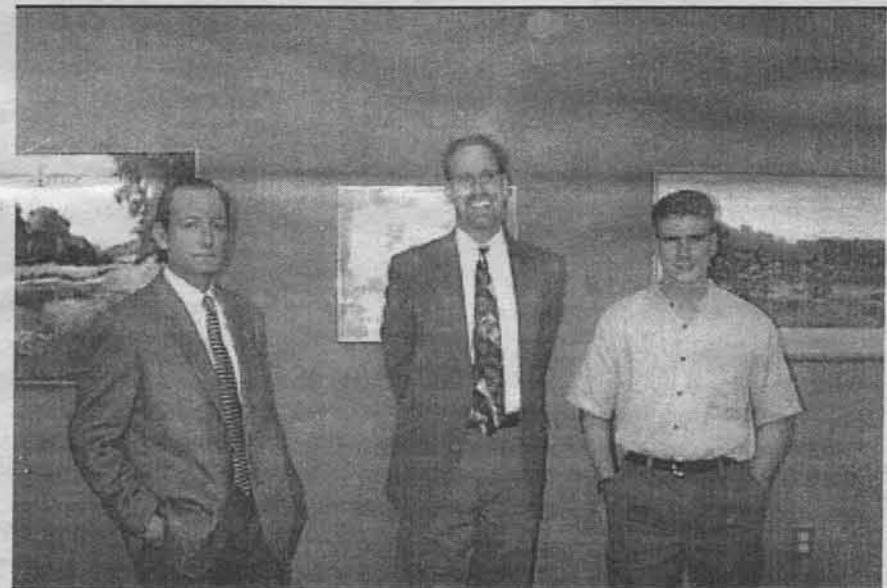


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Pictured above are (left to right) Jim Hockenberry, Luke P. Sassani, and David Stanton. The trio comprise the first three man student show Mansfield has ever allowed. The North Hall art gallery, where the exhibit took place, usually reserves spots for outside professional artist exhibits.

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A whole new world in downtown Mansfield

by Lisa Carpenter
staff reporter

As you may or may not have noticed, downtown Mansfield has undergone several changes in the past year.

Many new businesses have emerged on Main Street which bring a variety of new services to the area. Judging by the responses of the management, things are going well for the new local businesses.

"Business is great, as good as or better than anticipated," said Randall Hemdway, general manager of the new Wendy's located in the lower part of town.

Wendy's chose to locate here for several reasons, but the most prominent of them was the growth potential that the owners saw here.

"Area growth is one of the positive reasons why the decision was made to move to Mansfield," Hemdway said.

Hurricane Billiards, a new billiards hall also opened in town on September 29.

"The town needed something for the youth in the community," Sam

Kolesnik, manager of Hurricane Billiards said, "Billiards can be enjoyed by anyone, no matter what age."

Scott Bixby, owner of Mark's Brothers, one of the already established businesses in town, agrees that the new billiards hall will be beneficial.

"It is an asset to the town," Bixby said.

Mansfield also has two new establishments located in the Bilo Plaza.

Michael Koehn, manager of Dollar General, one of the two businesses is pleased with how business has been going.

"The first six months have been fantastic," said Koehn, "The community has really accepted us."

According to Koehn, the location of the plaza stores is very convenient for MU students.

Rent-A-Vision is a few doors down from Dollar General and according to Timothy Duncle, Rent-A-Vision manager, business is going well there, as well.

"This is a booming thing" Duncle said, "We have plenty of business."

University students and townspeople are reacting well to the new de-



photo by McCallus

The site being demolished above, which once housed Hollywood Video, as well as Berrigan's and, later, Chick n' Noodle is just one of the changes in downtown Mansfield. This semester, students can also walk downtown to play pool at Hurricane Billiards or eat at Wendy's, another franchise reflecting the town's growth.

velopments.

"It looks like Mansfield business is finally looking more promising for customers," David Killkenny, a MU student, said, "It's pace seems to be picking up."

A resident of Mansfield, Kevin

McGrath, agreed in saying, "The pool hall is definitely a plus."

The Mansfield Chamber of Commerce was unavailable for comment on the topic of expansion downtown and when asked to speak about its location on Main Street, On A Roll declined.

African Presence in Early Americas focus of lecture in Manser

Thomas A. Jones
wi. editor

Dr. Ivan Van Sertima presented a lecture entitled "African Presence in the early Americas" on Thursday, October 2nd, 1997 at 8:00pm in Manser North Dining Room. The lecture was sponsored by the President's Advisory Board for Diversity.

Multicultural Affairs Director Annie Cooper began the evening.

"Many people don't know what kinds of leadership are being taken in regards to diversity," said Cooper. After which she introduced the Advisory Board.

Cooper then brought up the speaker, Dr. Sertima.

According to Cooper, Sertima was born in Guyana, South America. He was educated at the school of Oriental and African Studies, London University and the Rutgers Graduate School and holds degrees in African Studies, Linguistics and Anthropology.

"He is a literary critic, a linguist, and an anthropologist and has made a name in all three fields," said Cooper.

Dr. Sertima began his lecture by saying that he is not the first person to suggest his theory.

According to a pamphlet distributed to students attending the seminar, Sertima's thesis is "That Africans had contact with American before Columbus in two major pre-Christian periods (circa 1200 b.c. and circa 800 b.c.) in addition to the Mandingo contact period (1310/1311 A.D.)."

"This is not invention," said Sertima. "Afrocentric, Eurocentric, that's petty American shit. I am not Afrocentric."

Sertima went on to categorize the different pieces of evidence he has

obtained and developed over the years.

According to Sertima, there were a dozen explorers who had contact with Africans in America.

"Ferdinand Columbus said once that 'My father told me that he saw Negroes north of Honduras,'" said Sertima. "And Balboa saw Africans captured in a Native American camp."

Sertima claimed that there was also quite a bit of skeletal evidence to support his claim.

"There was an Associated Press report written, about finding 2 African skeletons in St. Thomas from the year 1250," said Sertima. "Their incisive teeth were filled, and that means they were from Africa."

Sertima also described the ocean currents that would have forced African ships to America.

"There are three powerful currents in the Atlantic. Anything caught off Africa has to come, if it doesn't sink, it has to come to America," Sertima said.

"Africans were ahead of the world in smelting steel," said Sertima. "They were ahead of the world in metalurgy, and the African spearheads appeared in America."

He then went on to describe the problems he had in growing up in a system that does not bother to dig for the truth.

"I drank poison after one year in the Oriental African studies school," said Sertima. "I didn't want anything to do with this planet."

Dr. Sertima finished his lecture by stressing that he was not an Afrocentric, and that his peers in the Anthropology community were trying to smear his name.

"Man is man is man," said Sertima. "Until we learn that we are going to have hell in this country."

After the lecture, several Uni-

versity faculty spoke about their impressions.

"The more events we have that challenge our assumptions about race, culture, and history, that's what we're here for," said Provost Moore.

Associate Professor of Special Education Janis Floyd said, "It was very interesting, one could tell he was angry at the criticisms of his work. I enjoyed the presentation though."

"He is dynamic, forceful, en-

tertaining, and intimidating," said Professor Richard Walker. "There are many mainstream academics who take issue with him."

Annie Cooper ended the evening by reminding students that there is a Forum scheduled next week at 7:30pm, next Wednesday, in the Cedarcrest Rec Room. The topic will be Afrocentrism, and will concentrate on the thesis of Dr. Sertima.

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Around the Nation

U.S. House passes bill with a pay raise



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The 220-207 roll call Tuesday by which the House passed a spending bill funding Treasury Department programs and other federal agencies. The bill included a \$3,000 cost-of-living increase in congressional pay.

A "yes" vote is a vote to pass the bill.

Voting yes were 113 Democrats and 107 Republicans.

Voting no were 88 Democrats, 118 Republicans and one independent.

X denotes those not voting.

There is one vacancy in the 435-member House.

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U.S. Dollar falls down against Yen

NEW YORK (AP) _ The dollar fell against the yen Tuesday ahead of the release of a quarterly Japanese economic report that some traders gambled would surprise markets with hints of strength.

The dollar gained slightly against the German mark after the Bundesbank left German interest rates unchanged. The pound, meanwhile, regained more of what it lost Friday against the dollar on a report that Britain was considering joining the European single currency sooner than expected.

While the Takan report _ the Bank of Japan's quarterly measure of business sentiment _ is widely expected to be gloomy, the chance of a positive report had many traders betting on the yen.

"If it comes out bad, there's not going to be much movement. You hope for a better number and take a little flier," said Ralph DelZenero, a vice president

at First National Bank of Chicago.

Traders were also nullifying their dollar positions to protect against a surprisingly strong report.

The yen has been battered by the weak Japanese economy, which has left interest rates at historically low levels. A shockingly strong Takan report would shift sentiment toward a rate increase, which would lift the yen.

Evidence has been building that the Takan report _ to be released Wednesday morning in Tokyo _ would be weak. On Tuesday, reports on Japanese industrial output and retail sales for August were both weaker than expected.

In a bit of positive news for the Japanese economy, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry forecast a 0.7 percent rise in September industrial production and a 0.8 percent rise for October.

New television ratings system will begin

NEW YORK (AP) _ A new system for warning parents about the sexual and violent content of TV shows takes effect on Wednesday, without the participation of television's top-rated broadcast network.

Under the system, the letters "V," "S," "L" and "D" will show up alongside age-based ratings, such as "TV-PG" and "TV-14," that now flash for 15 seconds in the upper-left corner of screens as programs begin.

The letters stand for violence, sex and language that could be viewed as offensive. The "D" denotes suggestive dialogue that conveys sexual innuendo.

Most major networks agreed to revise the warning system that began earlier this year after parents and advocacy groups urged that it be made more specific.

Citing constitutional concerns, NBC has refused to go along. But it has begun to occasionally include its own warnings, saying things like "this program has some violent scenes."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said he had written to NBC's president to urge the network to comply. He said he would ask the Federal Communications Commission to conduct hearings.

Maryland murder suspect may not be extradited

Sheinbein awaits trial in Isarel, but is wanted for prosecution in USA

JERUSALEM (AP) _ Israel on Wednesday said it would review its decision to try a teen-age suspect in a Maryland killing rather than extradite him to the United States.

Bob Livingston, chairman of the U.S. House Appropriation Committee, on Tuesday had branded Israel's refusal to extradite 17-year-old suspect Samuel Sheinbein an "outrage." Livingston threatened to make the case a factor in continuing the \$3 billion in annual U.S. foreign aid to Israel.

U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said American officials are working on "how to sort this out."

"I think there's a real question as to whether the father is really an Israeli citizen, and this is clearly a crime committed in the United States," Albright said on NBC's "Today" show, without elaboration. "We're working with the Justice Department and I hope we'll be able to sort this out soon."

Stung by the criticism, Israel's Justice Ministry said Wednesday that "Israel is not a refuge for criminals."

Sheinbein, of Wheaton, Maryland, fled to Israel last week after murder charges were filed against him in Montgomery County Court. He and another teenager, Aaron B. Needle, are accused of killing 19-year-old Alfredo Enrique Tello Jr.,

whose burned and dismembered body was found in Wheaton on Sept. 18.

Israel's Justice Ministry said Tuesday that under Israeli law, Sheinbein could not be returned to the United States. The ministry said the suspect is considered an Israeli citizen _ even though he never lived in Israel _ because his father, Shlomo, 53, has Israeli citizenship.

However, the ministry said Wednesday it was checking whether the elder Sheinbein was eligible for Israeli citizenship in the first place. Irit Cohn, head of the ministry's international department, said the elder Sheinbein left Israel at age six in 1950, two years before the law on citizenship was passed.

"There are questions on whether he met the requirements of the law," Cohn told The Associated Press. She would not provide details, and said an answer was

expected early next week.

If it turned out that the elder Sheinbein was entitled to citizenship, then Israel would have no choice under existing law but to try his son in Israel, Cohn said.

Sheinbein's lawyer said the suspect might waive his right to be tried in Israel if he was offered a deal by Maryland prosecutors. "If Maryland comes to us with better conditions then we

will consider it," the lawyer, Nitzana Leitner, told The Associated Press.

But Leitner said that for the moment Sheinbein was not fighting Israel's decision to prosecute him here. "The idea that he will be tried in Israel looks OK to us," she said.

Cohn said Wednesday she was not certain whether Israeli law would even per-

mit Sheinbein to return voluntarily to the United States to stand trial.

Meanwhile, Israeli police have begun investigating Sheinbein in preparation for a possible trial, the ministry said. On Sunday, two U.S. prosecutors and two police officers are expected to arrive in Israel to help Israeli police.

"The authorities in Israel are cooperating fully with their U.S. counterparts," a ministry statement said.

Even before this case, the ministry had proposed an amendment to Israel's extradition law that would allow Israeli citizens to be tried overseas if they returned to Israel to serve their sentences. However Cohn said that even if the amendment was passed by Israel's Parliament, it was unlikely to apply retroactively to Sheinbein.

Sheinbein's father, a lawyer and former Pentagon employee, has been charged in Israel with obstructing justice by helping his son flee the United States.

A brother, Robert, was also detained by Israeli police on Monday on suspicion of obstructing justice, but both were released Tuesday on condition they remain in Israel, said police spokeswoman Linda Menuhin.

Sheinbein appeared Monday before a magistrate who ordered him held for 10 days so police can question him.



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Photograph of Samuel Sheinbein, seventeen year-old murder suspect.

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Too much money spent on charging students for paper

Anyone who has gone into the North Hall Library since Wednesday to print out a paper has discovered that this simple act is no longer as simple as it once was. Now students have to pay for each page that they print out no matter what the material is on that piece of paper.

The university has deemed fit to begin charging us for the paper that so many students print their class papers on. System software and hardware has been installed that ensures students will pay for the paper they use and not run off laughing maniacally about the twenty pages that they scammed from the school.

We know what it's like to use a lot of paper. We know what it's like to, unfortunately, waste a lot of paper. But we cannot understand why an institution that earns thousands upon thousands of dollars a year in tuition needs to also charge us for the paper that we would fail out of college without.

Look at it this way. Last year, the total cost of paper in North Hall was \$18,000. The purchase and installation cost for this system comes to \$36,000. That's two years worth of paper that we helped pay for through our tuition and we still have to pay for each piece that we use. Was this the cheapest system that could have been purchased?

Some of this equipment is only good for five years. How much is it going to cost to get replacements when the time comes? What happens if the university decides to get more computers and printers and this system cannot handle that many computers?

This leads us to another point. Not only do we find it ridiculous that the university is charging us for paper but their method of doing so is also over-the-top. There must have been an easier and less costly way of doing this. Why couldn't they have something at the door where students could purchase the paper they needed? Even if there is no automated way of doing this, they could put the paper at the front desk and the people working there could sell it.

These paper charges are also very inconvenient for the the student. Some who are printing last minute papers may not have the time to deal with this charging equipment. And then there are students that have to make hard copies of things that they are doing on computers to see what the real thing looks like. These could be posters, brochures, maps, graphs, etc. A student could print out twenty copies of one page before they have everything correct and are happy with their work.

There are students out there that do abuse the amount of paper that they use by printing out things that they don't need. It's unfortunate that the handful of students that feel it is necessary to have a hard copy of every chain letter that they receive over e-mail would partly be responsible for this but it is true.

There are also people that are not college students that come from the town to use the printers in North Hall. Granted, this will ensure that they can no longer practice this abuse but there are other ways to prevent this. How about ID numbers for all students (don't these already exist?) that would be required for a print command to be executed?

It has been contested that other schools also have their students pay for paper and that their prices are much higher than ours. But this all goes back to what your mother asked you when you were five, "If all of your friends jumped off of a bridge would you?"

MU Dining Services Director responds to Editorial

Dear Editor,

I am writing to touch on a few points mentioned in your editorial of September 26, 1997. We are your Dining Services and are here to administer food service on campus, primarily through meal plans. The Main Dining Hall is the main site for meal plan meals. The meal plans include a feature called equivalency, which allows the option of an alternate meal in another location. South Court and Mountie Den are A la carte facilities that offer equivalency. They are not the primary site of the meal plan and must exist based upon paying their own way. On the basis of student feedback, this year we have added an additional point service, the Gallery Store, this area features gro-

ceries, candy, beverages, and ice cream novelties. The Gallery is here as a convenience only, and accepts cash and is another outlet for flex dollars.

Our pricing is set in the summer for the entire year. Our prices are based upon what it costs to provide the products we sell. Pricing is submitted to and approved by the university. We only use high quality brand name products. We do care about what we are doing and about improving quality and we continually make changes based upon input from the people we serve. If the price of a grocery item is out of line from another C-Store we will look at adjusting if we can, or not selling an

item if we cannot be competitive in pricing. Our grocery purchasing volume is low compared with other multi-unit stores in the area.

There is an active and effective food service committee and we meet every Thursday at 4PM in South Court. Anyone is welcome to come and participate. I am very proud of and appreciate the work that each and everyone does in serving our guests, every day. I know that they appreciate being here and the positive responses that many of our guests give to them.

Sincerely, Richard Anderson
Director of Dining Services

MU student says to stick it out at Mansfield

To the Editor,

I was talking with a girl the other day in Astronomy, the one with the well known Dr. Vayanski, a renowned poet and comedian. She was talking about dropping out and going home. When asked why she simply said "Mansfield". I couldn't really blame her, I want to go home too. The next day, however, when asked how she was doing she replied enthusiastically "Great!" Whatever she was on, I wanted some. I asked her what the change of heart was about. She told me that she had been nominated for Homecoming Queen by one of the local frats. That was all.

The message is this: Even though it may sometimes look hopeless there is always something positive around the corner. But you have to be here to see it.

Honestly, I cannot think of a positive influence that the fraternities have in my life, except this. You guys should keep this for the time someone questions the value of your organization. You influenced "that girl" to stay in school. You may never know the impact you had on her life and you should be proud.

On a completely different note I would like to mention Joe Maresco e-mailed me about the

parking situation. On Friday September 12 he offered to meet with me and let me show him the "100 spaces" that I said could be painted in. By the end of the next week more than half of those spaces were painted. There is still room for improvement I think that was certainly a indicates good intentions. I would like to take credit for that, but somehow I feel that it was already in the works. I retract my statement about the insensitivity of the system. Thanks Joe!

Sincerely, Jon Marcussen
marcusj5@epix.net

Reader questions *Flashlight's* law interpretation

Dear Editor,

After reading the editorial in the *Flashlight* about the listening devices in the Fitness and Recreation Center, I was outraged. While I understand an editorial is an opinion, this one was in my opinion totally irresponsible. As editors of the *Flashlight*, I believe you have the obligation to have the facts, before you write such a slanted editorial.

Title 18—Crime and Offenses, Article F—Offenses against Public Order and Decency deals specifically with the "common law" related to "listening in on another".

The "common law" to which the editorial refers is applicable to law enforcement agencies. The Fitness and Recreation Center is not a law enforcement agency, therefore, the law does not apply. Even if the law did apply, Pennsylvania law indicates there must be an exception of privacy, the signs

posted in the locker rooms indicating there are monitors takes away the expectation of privacy.

The editorial also mentions the unconstitutionality of the monitors. What part of the constitution is being violated? The locker rooms are not private places. Even if you assume for argument sake there is an expectation of privacy, the signs posted in the locker rooms notifying people of the monitoring clearly removes any person from saying anything they would normally say in any other public place.

The legal terms of due process and equal protection have nothing to do with the monitors in the Fitness and Recreation Center. Due process is an established course for judicial proceedings or governmental activities designed to safeguard the legal rights of the individual. Due process is not applicable in the situation. No govern-

mental activity is involved, nor are there judicial proceedings. Likewise, equal protection is not a term to be applied to this situation. Equal protection is a legal term arising from Title VII cases involving discrimination and refers to the guarantee that all persons will be treated equally under the law. Finally the question of "Why?" The answer is safety. All of the questions asked could have been answered if a little research had been done. The front desk is staffed during all hours of operation and they have many duties. One of the staff person is to listen to the monitor. They are certified in First Aide and CPR so they can provide emergency assistance at a critical time. They are directed to call campus police in case of all emergencies.

Sincerely, Michael Habovick
Advocacy Program Director

Commentary

MU professor speaks about obscenity policy



by Jay A. Gertzman
Mansfield University professor

Your (the Flashlight) Sept. 26, 1997 issue reported the suspension of a WNTV disc jockey for broadcasting statements offensive to a member of the Mansfield community. It makes reference to a 1993 incident, and reports station policy as taking the position that since this university is in a rural, conservative area, it must "conform to the

conservative community surrounding it." One must avoid what the local community would see as "bad taste."

WNTV may have made a correct decision in the present case, if gratuitous profanity was the issue, but its policy should not make "good taste" or a conservative community's moral standards the basis on which to decide what may or may not be broadcast. The FCC may disagree, as might the court which ruled in the Carlin "Steven Dirty Words" case (FCC vs. Pacifica, 1978). A man driving with his son in the early afternoon heard Carlin's satiric comedy routine and his complaint was the basis for the case. Under current FCC policy, which is based on vague "community standards" criteria, radio stations have been forced to cancel programs on AIDS prevention and alternative sexualities, as well as a reading of Allen Ginsberg's "Howl" — unless they are aired at a "safe harbor" period when not only adolescents, but many of the rest of us, would be asleep. FCC policy is bad law: it suppresses dissent from majority opinion on many issues, and therefore discourages Americans from exercising their basic right to express responsible

opinions freely.

The result of having to conform to the value system of the majority — either in a conservative Mansfield or a liberal San Francisco — is "tyranny of the orthodoxy." And this — especially as invoked by one individual complaint — is just plain wrong on a college campus. Our administration should spend as much time explaining this to students as it spends in convincing them what a friendly and "caring" atmosphere we have here at MU. I hope it does.

It is clear that there is such a criteria as "community trust." Language offensive to others should, if and when used, be used for an intelligent and responsible reason. Very often, however, there is the best of reasons for embedding social criticism or commentary in "offensive" language. Of course such criticism will cause anger and embarrassment when broadcast, for it may be stated in an angry, indignant or despairing manner. When people speak from the heart on sex, race, gender, or what they see as hypocrisy and injustice, they will make some of their listeners or readers indignant.

Further, there is — and should

be — a difference between moral and social standards of any community and campus standards. We should consider what "community standards" are in context — in the context of this particular campus and what students ought to be exposed to in order to decide for themselves what is right and wrong. We do not want to teach them that they may not state their opinions or ideas, or broadcast material which reflects them, if it offends someone else.

If this is not the issue in the present case, it certainly was in 1993. Then, WNTV's problems occurred as a result of one student's complaint regarding the playing of a "rap" song. The issue went beyond obscenity. The student felt that this sort of music sent violently negative messages to the community, as indeed it did. She was offended. But the music's messages concerned the conditions under which inner-city youth lived and how they breed bitterness and crime. Its creators took their place with others who were and are prosecuted for their criticisms of society. The speech of many people we admire today was and is deplored as "indecent," "in bad taste" or "obscene by community standards."

Thinking computer Deep Blue should try poker

by Thomas A. Jones
wire editor

Deep Blue, ultimate thinking machine? Or overrated abacus?

Deep Blue recently beat the one of the world's greatest chess players. This Russian fellow, he hung in there, but in the end, Deep Blue locked his King into the corner and killed his Queen. But the question remains, did this feat of board game strategy really unseat human beings as the Earth's most impressive thinkers?

I think not.

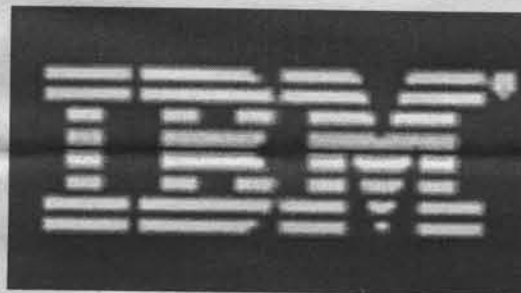


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Deep Blue was created by IBM.

Chess, is not a game for thinkers. Chess is a game of rote memorization. If you memorize all the possible moves on the chess board, you are going to win. Deep Blue almost cer-

tainly has at least 8 megabytes of memory, and if it expects to run Windows 95, or the new and improved Windows 98, then it must have at least 16 megs. I would place my bets on 32 megs though.

So, Deep Blue enters the contest, already knowing every possible move, and every possible outcome. This is certainly an impressive accomplishment,

but having been pre-programmed with the best response to every possible move, it could not lose.

But is memorization thinking?

I would say not. Thinking is reasoning, the ability to extrapolate one set of circumstances and apply the lessons learned to another. Thinking is not simple memorization. Anyone can memorize the times tables, but only Einstein could figure out that energy equals mass times the speed of light squared.

So what would be the ultimate test, of the ultimate thinking machine?

I suggest that Deep Blue go one day with the best of Vegas card sharks in a game of poker.

Poker, unlike chess, requires actual thinking skills.

Debate over education between President and Congress

by Walter Mears

WASHINGTON (AP) — A real doozie of a fight, President Clinton calls his dispute with congressional Republicans over education. It is one in which he and his opponents all claim to be shunning politics at the schoolhouse door.

But the rhetoric does not mask the partisan confrontation involved in the three-sided struggle over national testing, government vouchers for private school education, and no-strings federal aid to schools.

Clinton is campaigning for the first, adamantly opposes the others.

He is pushing for national school testing to learn how children in the fourth grade are doing in reading, and in the eighth grade in math. After months of trying it was part of his State of the Union program he's up against a House barrier. A bloc of liberal Democrats opposed to testing as unfair to disadvantaged city schoolchildren joined Republicans to approve a ban on spending for testing.

Republican leaders are making their education stand on school choice, their title for the use of vouchers or federal tax breaks to help parents send chil-

dren to private schools if they want.

And the Senate narrowly approved a measure that would transform education aid into no-strings grants directly to school districts, instead of passing the money through federal and state agencies.

Clinton is threatening to veto appropriations bills carrying the test ban, unrestricted block grants in place of school aid under federal guidelines, or, probably, a first-step private school voucher system in Washington, D.C.

Mutual disclaimers notwithstanding, these are issues sure to echo next year in congressional election campaigns. Education is a political issue. It should be, because it major concern of the voters, and because elections are the way they say what they want done.

The federal role in public schooling has been disputed since the Great Society origins of education aid from Washington. It still is, built into debates over block grants bypassing the Department of Education, and about Clinton's plan for national tests.

The first, according to Republican sponsors, is a reform that would go past federal and state bureaucracies that add regulatory strings and siphon away money.

In Clinton's description, that

measure would abandon the most successful national efforts to strengthen schools and instead "throw all of our education funds into a pot and distribute it in an arbitrary way ..."

Rival accounts of the test plan sound that way, too. A needless experiment that would waste money and eventually threaten local control of the public schools, Republican foes contend. Clinton calls it essential to measure how well public school pupils are doing in the basics, although its reach would be limited.

He's been pressing the issue all year; so far six states and 15 city school districts have said they would participate. Clinton stresses that the tests would be voluntary "with no mandated consequences" for flunking.

The inconsistency between vital and voluntary is a political necessity; there's no way Congress would stand for mandatory national testing. Indeed, opponents of the Clinton plan argue that it is a first step toward a federal school curriculum to fit the tests.

"They say it's a federal power grab," Clinton replies. "It isn't. The tests are voluntary. No state, no school district has to participate."

At the same time, he wants a commitment to national education stan-

dards.

Fitting those aims together is the problem. The administration rankled Congress by contracting for work on proposed tests to be given in 1999 without getting advance approval. Clinton said last spring that he was trying to create a climate in which no one could say no to the test plan. He's not even close, although the polls indicate the idea has broad public support, 79 percent according to a survey cited by Education Secretary Richard Riley.

But Riley has suspended work on the tests until Congress decides whether to permit them at all.

The Republican platform on education is built around vouchers, so that parents can select schools and get government help to pay tuition.

The District of Columbia appropriations bill pending in the House includes a pilot program which would give 2,000 to 3,000 lower-income families up to \$3,200 to put their children in private schools or in public schools outside the city.

Riley says he will urge a veto if it passes.

He said it would undermine the commitment to public education and "begin the unraveling of this unique American fabric."

Man receives mysterious coconut every Christmas

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — A man whose Christmas was marked each year with the mysterious arrival of a decorated coconut has died at age 82.

Edward Clinch, a retired Peoria Park District foreman, died Friday at his home. Since 1948, Clinch had received a coconut during the Christmas holidays, bedecked differently and from an unknown source.

Last year, Clinch's gift arrived with the help of WIRL talk show host Marc Truelove and a U.S. Marine Corps Honor Guard.

Although there have been conflicting reports, Journal Star files indicate Clinch once said he believed the prank originated with 15 or 20 boyhood chums who liked to pull practical jokes. In the past two decades, he said, he thought his old friends' children were carrying on the tradition.

Over the years, the holiday coconuts were brought to his doorstep by local celebrities, government officials, including an FBI agent, and transported by helicopters, ambulances and costumed actors in a parade.

In 1989, Clinch indicated he still was not tired of the annual surprise.

"I look forward to it," he said. "Like when kids wait for Santa Claus."

Kreative Korner

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"needs"

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one thing in my
life that bleeds
humanity,
one thing that
makes me feel
full,
one time that
stands up and shrieks
or-
maybe just a kiss from a
stranger.

by:K.D.

"taken"

cold drops jump off skin
smoke lingers slow smiling
creeping out from here

by K.D.

"What if this was the Devil's tool?"

Anti-love

Anti-Trust

in myself to find the embodiment of a prayer

I forgot I was searching for.

Found in the first of three

commuting 5 of the 7

into a memorial built for two.

More beautiful in soul than one

could have imagined

"By the one stoned to death

yet I'm still living"

For her

the one

to complete me.

"The other half of my orange."

by: David

(read on Spunky)

Sleater Kinney, a raging female band with no bass player

by Josh Cusatis
R. J. Reynolds editor

Well, here I am and there you are. We've got the words between us and now we've got to cross our fingers that those words say something of interest. If they don't then I've failed in my job. That's okay, though. I'll pass them blame to the words and my editor will fire them.

This week, I've got a number of things that I'd like to talk about. First is one that I hold very dear to me. Music. Don't worry, it's not what you think. I'm not going to bash a form of music or negative and bitchy. I'm only going to gush.

I highly recommend that you check out the band "Sleater-Kinney." Very cool.

What's that? Why are they so good. I think I'll let you in on the secret.

Three women from somewhere in the unmentionable Pacific Northwest. Two guitars, vocals and drums. Really loud... from what I can remember. I've got neighbors.

Now you may be asking yourself, "Wait a minute. What about a bass player?" Well, what I have to tell you is that there is no bass player. Sort of like the lesser known band "The Doors." I'll explain in detail later.

Their third album (the only one I've heard) is thirty minutes of fantastic post-punk. Well, it's actually straight punk but its more like real punk rather than that pseudo-punk stuff that the kids seem to like so much these days. That's not punk rock people. It's either ska or reggae but it's not punk. Go get a couple albums and see for yourself.

Anyway, these women have reminded me of what it's like to just

screw it all and rock. I had almost forgot how. It's very hard to describe so I'm not going to try.

Earlier, I mentioned that there is no bass player in this band. That's still right, no bass player! But!... the one guitar is a Gibson SG (very bassy) so the sound does round out and the effect is very Ben Shepard, "Badmotorfinger." A la "Rusty Cage."

I first heard about this band last spring when my friend and now roommate told me about them. She had read about them in a magazine. I didn't think much about them except that they were probably another great indie band that I might get into. We had a lot of trouble finding anything by them until we found the album "Dig Me Out" at a small store in State College early in the summer. Needless to say she bought the album and we listened to it. I fell in love with

it. I borrowed the CD and it didn't leave my stereo for the three days that she let me have it for.

Well, on Wednesday I found it the album in Corning for ten dollars and decided that I really needed to have it even though my roommate has it. I still think it was well worth my time and money. It's such a good album.

That's all I had to talk about. I know that I told you I had a number of things that I wanted to talk about this week but I lied. I just don't have the drive to be honest to you anymore. Do you really hate me for that?

So, I sucked you all in. It really was so easy. Though, despite all the cruelty and deception the message is still the same. Check out "Sleater-Kinney." (Josh Cusatis is a favorite writer among the biker circuit.)

Dreams, mice and cheese in my happy little childhood

by Krissy Dennis
features editor

Here I sit trying to think of something brilliant to write, and then it occurs to me. What do I want the most as I sit here in the office? I want to be asleep and dreaming. I like to dream. It's a view into your mind. It shows you what is happening in you strange little human mind.

Dreams have the ability to alter your mood when you wake up. I've woken up before hating people because my dream about them was so awful. I've also woken up with tears in my eyes and

a couple of times I had a smile on my face.

These creepy dreams are always the ones that I remember the most. Most of the time these dreams involve my family. Usually someone is injured or dead. Do you think I have anxiety about death?

I used to have a recurring dream. I only had it about three times in my whole life, and I can remember certain pieces of it. This is one of those dreams where someone is chasing you and you can't get away. This probably stems from unresolved problems I refuse to look at in my own life.

In my dream I live in a tiny vil-

lage that is surrounded by large trees. All the villagers live in fear of giant things that chase them. I remember always trying to hide in the base of the trees.

You know what? Now that I think about it, this dream sounds a lot like that cartoon, The Littles. You remember the one where the little creatures live in the wall and they make friends with the boy in the house.

Oh, that reminds me of my favorite book when I was little, There's a Mouse in the House. These two kids spent the whole day looking for some elusive mouse. He was in the attic and then he was in the bathroom. The silly thing is my Mother hates mice. I can't

believe she actually read that book and made it sound cute. About eighteen years ago one little furball jumped out of the cereal box when she opened it. You think that would have made her burn the book.

Speaking of mice, that reminds me of another book that I used to love, Runaway Ralph. I think that's the correct title. It was about this mouse who rode around on his own little miniature motorcycle.

Boy, that reminds me of my favorite restaurant when I was a wee child- Chuck E. Cheese. I had many birthday parties there. Just me and the girls, even the ones I wasn't friends with. Many happy times were enjoyed there.

Comics and fun

Leold www.leold.com
by Roger and Salem Salloom © 1997

Right now my life's not too good.

The worst part is that there's only one person who will feel sorry for me..... not really a person... my dog.... If I throw myself on my bed and make weepy sounds my dog will waddle over and try to cuddle with me.

And you know what.... I feel much better.

I have no other friend who drinks out of the toilet bowl.

I don't mind the hair all over the face, the teeth, the breath, but that toilet bowl thing is too much.

Not one of my other friends drink out of the toilet bowl... well, maybe Benny.



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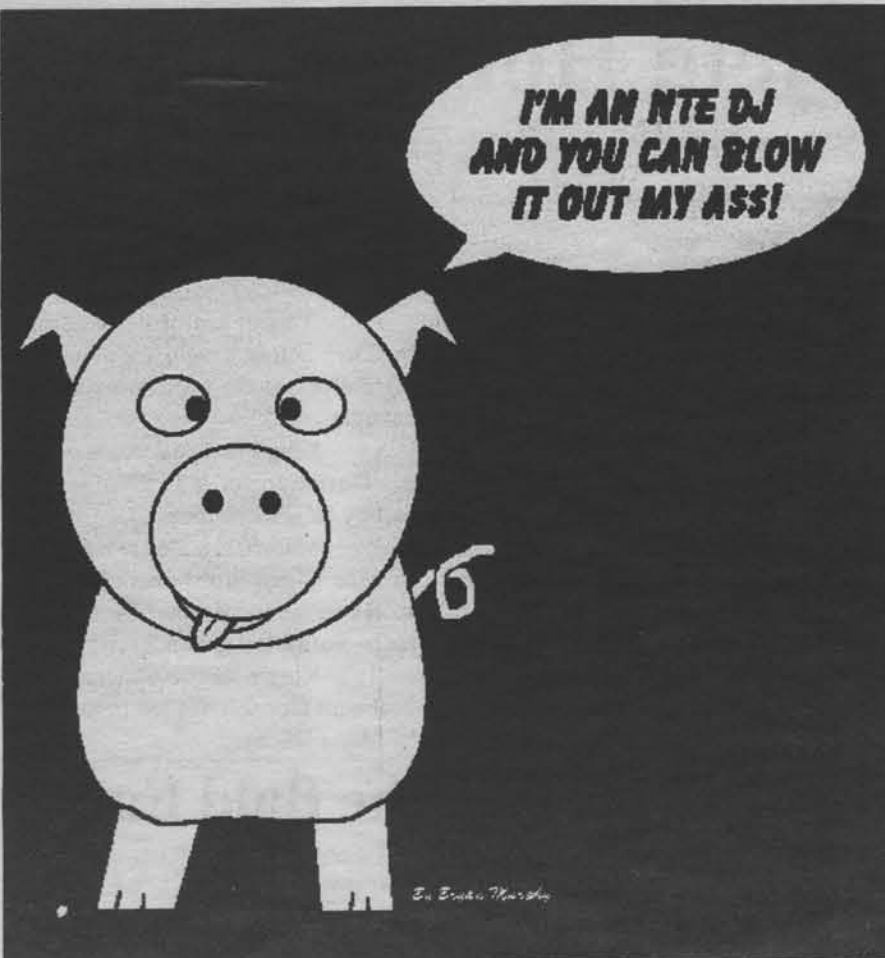
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Thomas A. Jones
The Flashlight
Driving School



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Friday, Oct. 3, 1997

Field Hockey team ends bittersweet week

Mounties triumph over King's College, lose shootout to Shippensburg Red Raiders

Jason Feather
Asst. Sports Editor

The Mansfield Mountaineers field hockey team split its two games this past week ending the week with a 3-3 overall record and a 1-1 mark in the PSAC.

In their first game against King's College on Parents and Family Day, the Mounties were able to score quickly and put the game away early winning 5-2.

Junior Tandy Carey scored two goals and added an assist.

Carey got the Mounties on the

board first at the 25:08 mark of the first half. She then assisted on sophomore Shanna Vitale's goal a little more than two minutes later (22:49).

Another goal at the 19:12 mark by Carey before King's was able to get themselves on the board proved to be enough.

King's first goal was scored on a defensive corner at 15:28 of the first half by Heather Brannagan.

Mansfield added two more insurance tallies in the second half on scores by senior Heather Dittman and sophomore Christy Sunnych.

King's scored a meaningless goal with four seconds left in the game by Maria Ulicny.

In their game against Shippensburg on Tuesday, the Mounties dropped a heartbreaker to the Red Raiders of Shippensburg University, 1-0.

Through the first two halves neither team was able to get on the board due to some excellent play from both goalies.

*With the win,
Shippensburg improved
to 2-1 in the
conference.*

Mansfield's sophomore goalie Jen Manton saved 16 of the 18 shots she faced including some spectacular stops in the

waning moments of regulation.

Due to the scoreless struggle, the game was forced into two overtime periods, and after that couldn't solve anything, both teams lined up for the shootout.

In the best-of-five shootout, Mansfield could not get the ball past Shippensburg junior goalie Crystal Yarlett.

Shippensburg, however, was able to convert two of their five shots, and thereby won the game.

With the win Shippensburg improved their record to 2-1 in the conference and 6-4 overall.

"We had the better skills, and we worked harder," sophomore forward Christy Sunnych said.

Mounties fall to the Bald Eagles

Joe Wagner
Sports Editor

The Mansfield University Mountaineers fell to 0-4 on the season after suffering a 34-19 setback at the hands of the Lock Haven Bald Eagles Saturday afternoon. It was their last non-conference game of the season.

After a scoreless first quarter, Lock Haven would score 21 second quarter points before the Mountaineers got on the scoreboard when senior Jason Donadi returned a kickoff for a 96-yard touchdown. It was the first kick return touchdown for the Mountaineer since Robert Funderburke returned a kickoff 69-yards for a touchdown against Brockport in 1985. The return was also the second longest in school history.

Trailing 21-7 at halftime, the Mountaineers would fall behind 34-7 early in the fourth quarter before Smith would hit Pete Herchik for a 42-yard touchdown and then hook up three min-

utes later with Mike Klecko for a 60-yard strike.

Smith finished the game completing 16 of 38 passes for 268-yards and two touchdowns. Herchik was his favorite target on the day with six catches for 120-yards.

Klecko also contributed to the Mounties offensive effort with his two receptions for 68-yards.

Freshman linebacker Gabe Kamarousky had 13 tackles while senior JJ Cleaver added nine stops. Junior Matt Hanley was credited with eight tackles and a interception for 24-yards.

"We need some people to step up and take charge out on the field," head coach Joe Viadella said. "We're young and we're going to make some mistakes, but we need to start showing more consistency."

The Mountaineers open their PSAC East schedule when they travel to Millersville this Saturday night for a 7 p.m. kickoff with the Marauders. Giant 89.5 FM, will be broadcasting the game from Biemesderfer Stadium.

Cross Country competes well in Bloomsburg Classic

Joe Wagner
Sports Editor

Freshman Todd Stewart continue his string of impressive performances with a fifth place finish at the Bloomsburg University Cross Country Classic Saturday.

Stewart (Hornell, NY/Hornell) crossed the finish line with a time of 26:58.00 on the 8,000 meter course, 36

seconds behind winner Kevin McGinnis of Stevens Tech.

Mike Lane (Ulster/SRU) was 29th overall with a time of 28:54.00 in the 73 runner event.

On the women's side, freshman Brianne Liddick (Elmira, NY/Southside) was 13th in the 69 runner, 5,000 meter race with a time of 20:18. Freshman Kristen Clark was 36th at 21:28.

Both teams travel to SUNY-Geneseo.

— Mountie Express —

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Mountaineers on road for PSAC East opener against Marauders

Jason Feather
Asst. Sports Editor

After falling to Lock Haven University this past weekend, the Mountaineers hit the road for the second time this season when they travel to Millersville to face the Marauders in the opening game of the PSAC East season for both teams.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. at Biemesderfer Stadium in the Mountaineers only night game of the season.

Saturday's game marks the 58th meeting between the two schools with Millersville holding a 34-19-4 advantage after last seasons 63-7 victory. The Mountaineers last win was a 31-30 victory under the lights at Millersville in the 1991 season.

Mansfield's 34-19 setback to Lock Haven last week, ended the Mounties non-conference schedule.

One bright spot during last week's loss was senior Jason Donadi's 96-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.

It was the first MU kickoff returned for a touchdown since 1985, and the second longest in school history.

Sophomore quarterback Lucas Smith completed 16 of 38 passes for 268 yards including two fourth quarter touchdown strikes to Pete Herchik and Mike Klecko. Herchik caught six passes for 120 yards while Klecko had two

grabs for 68-yards.

Freshman Gabe Kamarousky returned from the injury list to rack up 13 tackles while senior JJ Cleaver added nine tackles.

Junior Matt Hanley picked off his second interception of the season as well as recording eight tackles.

The young Mountaineers struggled against Lock Haven in falling to 0-4 on the season.

"We need some people to step it up and take charge out on the field," Mountaineer head coach Joe Viadella said. "We're young and we're going to make some mistakes, but we need to start showing more consistency."

Mansfield ranks 14th in the PSAC in total offense gaining an average of 257.8 yards per game. Although 179.8 of those yards have come through the air, sixth best in the PSAC, the Mountaineers are last in the conference in rushing with a 78.0 pergame average.

Defensively the Mounties rank 10th in the PSAC allowing 404.5 yards per game with 257.8 yards coming on the ground.

The Marauders have wins over Clarion and Shippensburg and just a loss to third ranked New Haven.

Millersville is eighth in the PSAC in total offense averaging 318.0 yards per game with 208.7 of those coming through the air.

They are eighth in the conference in total defense allowing 386.3 yards per outing including 213.0 on the ground.

The Marauders 26 points per game is third best in the conference.

Quarterbacks Drew Folmer and Ryan Swales have shared the load over the first three games of the year and have combined for 626 yards and six TDs while hitting 57.5% of their passes.

Senior Mike McPetridge has been the favorite target with 13 catches for 149 yards while Sean Scott has nine receptions, five of them for touchdowns.

The Marauders also have the PSAC's Offensive Player of the Week in junior running back Davonne Mobley.

The 6-1, 220 lb. tailback rumbled for 128 yards on 29 attempts with two touchdowns in Millersville's win over Shippensburg. He scooped up an errant hand-off and raced 33 yards for the clinching touchdown with 2:17 left in the fourth quarter for the Marauders.

He has been the main ground gainer with 277 yards on the season including 4 touchdowns.

On defense, Dave Ibarra and Jon McCracken top the team with 25 tackles and account for all three Millersville sacks.

Lee Rizzotto has 20 tackles and an interception.

Giant 89.5 FM will broadcast the game live to the Mansfield area starting at 6:30 p.m. with the pre-game show.

October, it's time for the baseball playoffs

Jason Feather
Asst. Sports Editor

With the month of October upon us thoughts of America's pastime enter the minds of fans all over the world.

This year's post season should be an interesting one to watch because of the old and new teams that have fought their way through the grueling 162 game schedule for that coveted World Series Championship.

Let's start out with the old teams.

Last year's World Champs, the New York Yankees, are back for another run at defending their title.

This season they enter the

playoffs through the back door in the wild card slot against the American League Central Champion Cleveland Indians.

The Indians come into this year's playoffs with what many say is a more powerful offense, and a more controlled pitching staff than last year's Central Champion.

In the other series in the American League, the AL East Champion Baltimore Orioles square off against the AL West Champion Seattle Mariners.

Many people feel that whoever wins this series will go on to the World Series to face the Atlanta Braves.

Yes that's right the Braves.

With the best pitching staff in the Major Leagues again this year, the Braves were able to hang on to the National League East title, but not without

some stiff competition from the Jim Leyland led Florida Marlins.

Atlanta opens the playoffs against the Houston Astros who held off a pesky young Pittsburgh Pirates team to win the AL Central title.

The Marlins are making their first post season appearance in franchise history, after just four or so years in the league, against a veteran San Francisco Giants team that battled back to win the NL West title over the heavily favored Los Angeles Dodgers.

This year's playoff should be exciting with lots of good close games. All eight teams have good pitching and high-powered offenses that should make for some fun and interesting baseball.

Look for the Yankees and Orioles to meet up in a rematch.

Umpires upset about support

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball umpires, once again upset by what they say is a lack of support from owners and players, said Tuesday they would eject anyone arguing within "an arm's length" of them during the postseason.

The support for your umpires has been worse than woeful ... it has been practically nonexistent," umpires union head Richie Phillips said in a letter to acting commissioner Bud Selig and the league presidents.

Players continue to assault umpires, spray tobacco in their faces, curse them and attempt to denigrate them without the slightest reprisal," Phillips said.

Selig, NL president Len Coleman and AL president Gene Budig responded by saying "baseball is disturbed that the umpires have chosen this time to divert attention from the field of play."

They do not have the authority to make their own rules," their statement said. "We expect them to honor the integrity of the game... and to continue their level of professionalism and tolerance in the postseason that they have exercised throughout baseball history."

Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove said he wouldn't test the umpires' "no tolerance" approach.

"Everyone has their stand, and the umpires aren't different than anyone else," Hargrove said.

Umpires have complained since Baltimore's Roberto Alomar spit at umpire John Hirschbeck on the final weekend of the 1996 season, angry that Alomar was suspended for just five games and didn't serve the penalty until the start of this season. Umpires threatened to strike the '96 postseason, but were stopped when owners obtained an injunction in federal court.

Phillips said umpires would not permit "spitting; spraying of tobacco; any objection, disagreement or argument made within a 'safe zone' of an arm's length of an umpire, including but not limited to physical contact of any kind, be it intentional or inadvertent."

He also said umpires won't permit "threats; animated, energetic gestures; personal denigratory attacks or insults; abusive language; extended arguments; or throwing of objects."

Baseball said it "will take swift action" against umpires if they attempt to alter past practices and accused Phillips and his staff of missing or showing up late for meetings to discuss the situation.

Robert Kheel, the lawyer who handles umpire negotiations for the leagues, sent a letter to Phillips on Tuesday accusing him of "public relations gamesmanship."

"In the event that any umpire acts improperly, be assured that swift and certain discipline will occur and that appropriate damages will be sought from them and the umpires association," Kheel wrote.

During spring training, umpires loudly announced a crackdown on arguing, but ejections in 1997 were approximately at the same level of 1996.

"I think early in the season it had a deterrent effect," Phillips said in a telephone interview.

Phillips singled out Atlanta Braves manager Bobby Cox as a target of umpires' anger. Cox was ejected seven times during the regular season, accord-

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College tuition rates rising higher than inflation

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — Angel Rivera was recounting how he couldn't attend his first-choice college because it cost too much, and how most of his friends could not afford to go to school at all.

But Rivera, who ultimately got a scholarship to another college but needs a loan and two jobs just to pay for room and board, wasn't merely venting his frustration over dinner in the campus cafeteria.

His audience was a congressman, and his anger part of an apparent national backlash over college costs that also has brought about the formation of an association of parents and the establishment of a congressional commission to investigate the rising price.

"You have to struggle," Rivera, an 18-year-old criminal justice major, told U.S. Rep. James McGovern during a meeting at an Hispanic community center surrounded by vacant lots in a blighted section of his old home town. "I looked at a lot of different colleges and they were too expensive for me. It was tough. It put me down a little."

The College Board reported Wednesday that university and college tuition and fees rose 5 percent this fall, higher than the rate of inflation. The av-

erage four-year private college costs \$19,213, the average four-year public university \$7,472, the average private two-year school \$11,398 and the average two-year public college \$1,501.

"We have many young people in this community who have the ability and the talent and the wherewithal to go

"You have to struggle."

Angel Rivera

on to two- or four-year schools, but they just don't have the resources," James Garvey, superintendent of the local school system, told McGovern.

It's something the congressman is hearing a lot these days, he said, and not only in his district's low-income neighborhoods.

"I hear it from kids and parents from all backgrounds, that they're worried about the cost of college," he said. "People are frustrated."

That frustration is beginning to take the form of action from parents who have not previously organized and politicians who want explanations.

"It's fascinating to me that parents, who are footing the bill primarily for higher education, have been excluded from the debate," said Russ Cargo, a

Burke, Va., father of two daughters now in high school. "I would like to provide the best education I can for my children, but it scares me, frankly, to consider how much that may cost."

Cargo, himself a professor who runs the nonprofit management program at George Mason University, is a member of a lobbying and benefits organization that was launched in April to represent the families of students now in or soon to enter higher education.

"What we're trying to point out to the various universities and colleges and legislators is that the college parent serves as the financial backbone of the American college system," said Richard Flaherty, director of the five-month-old

"... they're (kids and parents) worried about the cost of college."

Congressman James McGovern

group, called College Parents of America, which expects to sign up 20,000 members by the end of this year. We are the major customer of higher

education. In fact, there are parents we have talked to who have said our slogan should be: 'The College Parent: We Foot the Bill.'

Also this year, Congress established the National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education and ordered it to recommend within the next three months some way to stabilize costs in tuition. It will look at such things as administrative pay, faculty workload, tenure and other issues.

College and university officials say they hope the panel will correct misconceptions about their costs they say the media has misrepresented.

"I want a good description of the world as it is, not the way people think it is," said Clare Cotton, president of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Massachusetts and one of the nine members of the 11-member commission representing academia. "I want an understanding of price, cost and subsidy so that everybody understands that no family is paying the whole way."

But Cynthia Collins, 17, a junior at Worcester North High School, said she can't imagine how she'll pay for college. "I really don't know," Collins said.

Education compromised in Florida over scholarship money

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Some students are opting for less challenging classes to assure themselves a share of some \$75 million in Florida Lottery scholarship money.

Kay Noble, a resource counselor for 14 Polk County high schools, has seen parents transfer their children from honors classes to regular classes this year just to obtain an A or B and qualify for the new scholarship, Florida Bright Futures, The Tampa Tribune reported today.

At stake is state money covering 75 to 100 percent of tuition and fees at a university in Florida. About 45,000 students applied in the first six months.

"We're trying to increase the quality of education in Florida. Yet to me, there's a mixed message here," Noble said.

"We're concerned a youngster will say, 'I might get a B or a C in the honors class, but I might get an A or B in a regular class. What's in it for me?'" said James Hamilton, assistant superintendent for Hillsborough schools.

"You have cut to the very heart of the matter, which according to busi-

ness practices and other matters, is financial reward."

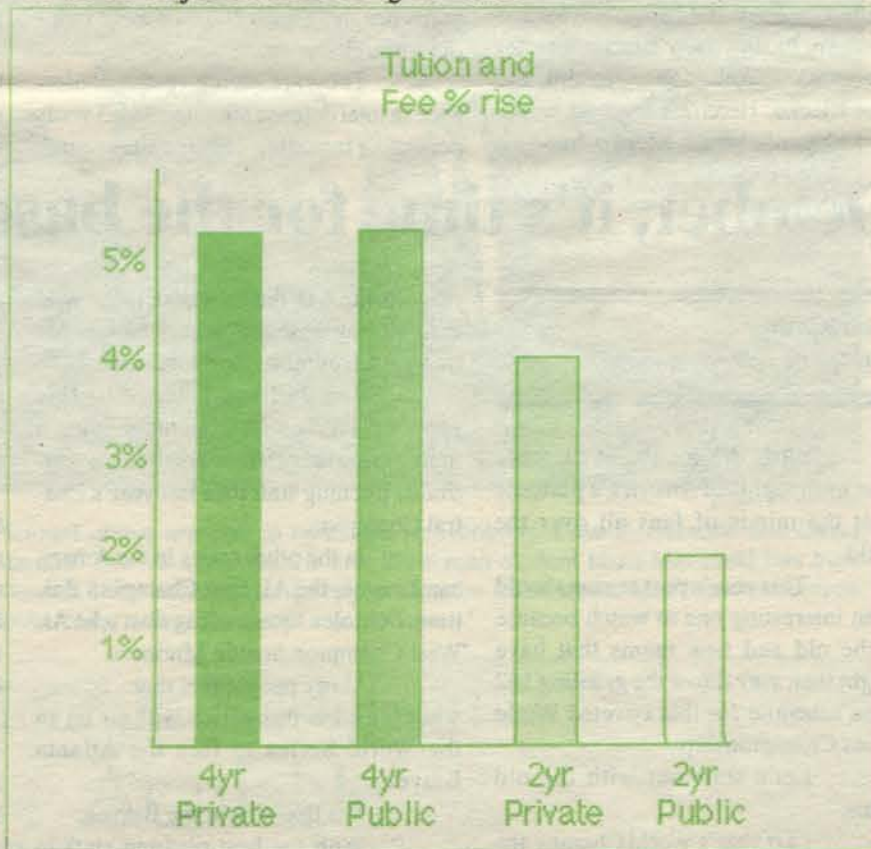
There are no statistics yet to prove students are avoiding upper-level courses. School districts haven't compiled their final registration figures. But many guidance counselors are convinced it's only a matter of time before students learn the path of least resistance.

Very few of Armwood High School's almost 300 seniors have dropped honors classes in favor of regular courses, said Robert Park, guidance department chairman at the Seffner school in Hillsborough County.

But, he said, "as they become more tuned in to the new requirements, we expect to see more students opting to take less-challenging courses."

"It will have a significant impact next year," agreed Michael Laughrey, guidance department chairman at Chamberlain High School in north Tampa. "Slowly but surely, the word is getting out."

Counselors would like the scholarship awards based on a weighted grade point average. Currently, students earn no additional points for upper-level



classes.

But a weighted system might give them incentive to take difficult classes, because a C in a difficult class may be valued as a B. Another suggestion is to lower the grade point average for students enrolled in a certain num-

ber of upper-level classes.

State Sen. Donald Sullivan, a Seminole Republican who helped design the lottery scholarship program, wants to introduce a proposal during next year's legislative session to close the loophole.

Calendar

Saturday, Oct. 4

11am - Cross country away at Geneseo Invitational.

1pm - Field hockey away at Indiana University.

7pm - MU football away game: Mounties vs. Millersville.

8pm - Dmitry Schirin - Fine Arts Series in Steadman Theatre.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

3:30pm - MU Lecture Series:

"Towards the Millennium: Religious Liberty, the American Paradox" in North Dining Hall, Manser.

4pm - Field hockey at home vs. Bloomsburg University.

Thursday, Oct. 9

4pm - Field hockey away at Lock Haven University.



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Wrestling coach takes look back at University

"We have
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Wrestling
Coach
Hank Shaw

Darren A. Meehan
managing editor

If you think the parking on campus is bad, you haven't seen anything at least in Hank Shaw's opinion.

In the 31 years since he arrived, Shaw has watched the campus change and improve and he laughs when he hears students complain about the parking.

"People think parking is bad now? They should have seen it before," he said. "The freshmen couldn't have cars on campus so, downtown at Smythe Park there were all these freshmen's cars."

As the Homecoming Weekend 1997 kicks comes and goes, Shaw remembers many things that have changed over the past three decades. When Shaw was hired as head wrestling coach and head coach of

the freshman football team in 1966, students ate in North Hall and attended physical education classes in what is now Manser. Today, students at Mansfield University go to North Hall to research and eat dinner in Manser.

"Down, below the football field, there were two dormitories for the overflow of students. It wasn't owned by the campus," he said, "it was leased by a company out of Philadelphia."

After the Pinecrest and Cedarcrest dormitories were built, the auxiliary dorms were vacated and the two alternatives began their rapid decline downhill, according to Shaw.

"They became an eyesore and were eventually demolished when a supporter of the school bought the land with the understanding that they would be

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Mansfield Wrestling Coach Hank Shaw

Hip-hop "Carnival" to entertain University over weekend

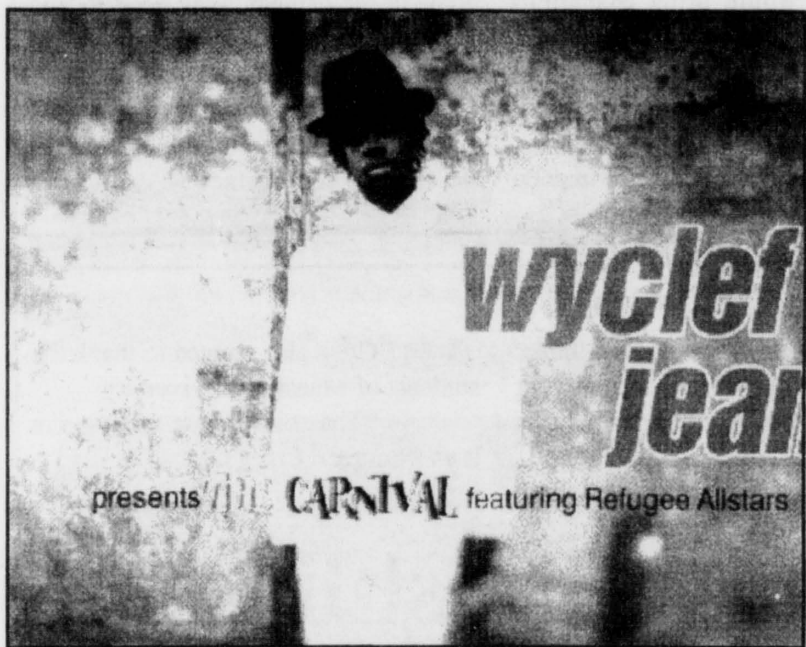


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Wyclef Jean and his self described "Carnival" will keep Mansfield University rocking this Saturday. Students interested in tickets can call x4985

Kristine Dennis
features editor
Gene Yager
editor

Wyclef Jean, and his "Carnival" will be hip-hopping their way into Mansfield this Saturday in a self described-multi-cultural, multi-genre, multigenerational tour de force.

"I believe his type of music is very much diverse," Rachelle Harley, Mansfield Activities Council concert chairperson said.

According to Sharitta Bowie, MAC concert cochair, Jean was chosen in response to a poll conducted in the Spring of 1997.

"Last semester the students voted for R+B," Bowie said. "What they asked for is what they got."

Harley agreed, "If they would have asked for country, they would have got it."

According to Harley, the cost to get

Wyclef Jean to come to MU was twenty five thousand dollars. Live, a band which MAC got to play at MU in 1995, cost MAC thirty two thousand dollars.

However, according to some members of MAC, those figures can be deceiving.

"We are paying more for Wyclef Jean than we paid for Live, overall," Cindy Albano, former MAC concert chairperson and current feature arts and public relations chairperson said.

Responses on campus were mixed over the choice of Jean by MAC.

"It's something to do," Kim Cady, undeclared sophomore said. "I like it (Wyclef Jean), it's pretty good."

Other students, however were not so happy about the choice of Jean.

"I think it sucks, why can't we get a

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Mansfield readies itself for annual Homecoming parade

Thomas A. Jones
wire editor

A downtown parade and queen crowning are among the highlights of this year's Homecoming festivities, which begin Oct. 10th.

According to the Student Activities Office, there will be a pep rally at 8pm in the old Rec Center, where students can meet the MU Football Team, the coaches, cheerleaders, and queen candidates

"Support the teams," Director of Student Affairs, Clarence J. Crisp said. "If they get a lot of support they may win this thing."

Friday's Homecoming activities will end when Bobby K. a professional D.J. will host "Zanzibar at the Hut" from 10pm to 2am.

Saturday's festivities will begin at 8:30am at Warren L. Miller School with the registration for the parade. The parade participants will line up at 9am.

"We're really excited about our

Jurassic Park balloon," MAC President Jawara Griffen said.

The parade will progress through downtown Mansfield at 10am.

Then, at 12:40 in the afternoon, at Van Norman Field immediately prior to the Homecoming Game, the Queen will be coronated. The awards presentation for bands, floats, and banners will follow

According to Crisp, this year's voting for Homecoming Queen has been enormously successful. He attributes this to several factors.

"People are showing more of a concern," Crisp said. "[It's] Tremendous. Double what we have had in the past."

After crowning the Queen, the MU Homecoming Football game will take place at 1pm. The Mounties will play the Bloomsburg Huskies.

At 2:15pm, the Band will perform a halftime show.

MAC Concerts will present "Wyclef Jean and the Refugee Allstars" at 8pm in Decker Gymnasium. Tickets



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The Mansfield University football team will be playing this homecoming weekend

for the show, which also features "Destiny's Child," are available for \$5 for MU students, and \$15 for non-students from MAC.

Zanzibar at the Hut at 10pm

will finish this year's Homecoming celebration.

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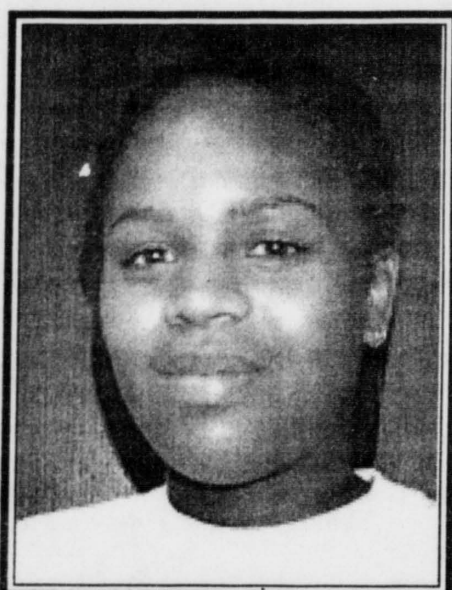
"Are you planning to go to the homecoming concert on Saturday?"

by Brent McCallus



Catherine Caufield
Graduate student

"Yes, I like the music. It is a fortunate opportunity to have him here."



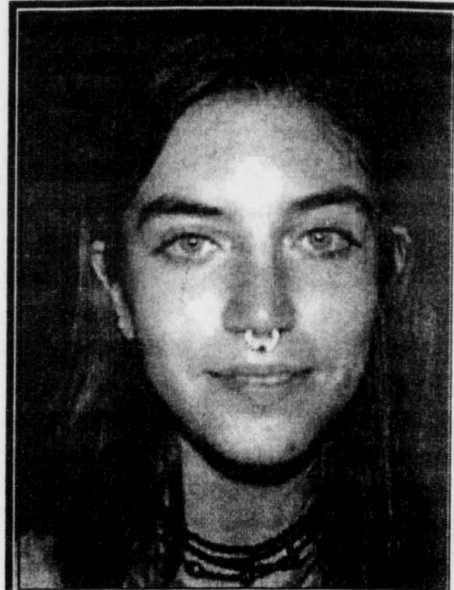
Tanya Mershan
Freshman

"Yes, because I like his music and I paid for it."



Susan Leigh Stroble
Freshman

"I can't, because i'm going home this weekend."



Celeste Fanelli
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little more variety? Performers like BB King, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, or The Descendants would bring Mansfield University up to par with other concerts put on by other universities," Marquand Brown, senior psychology major said.

According to Harley, if she retains her position at MAC, she will get a

country act to perform at MU. However, Harley said that the artist MAC gets for the Spring concert will be up to the students.

"If they want certain bands to come to the campus, they need to join MAC," Harley said. "It is pissing me off that they asked for R&B, and now they (students) are mad."

Anyone interested in attending the concert can contact MAC at 662-4985

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There are some special things that Crisp is looking forward to this year as Homecoming Organizer. "When its over and nobody's dead," Crisp said.

Crisp also wanted to thank the students of Mansfield University.

"The students are what make homecoming," Crisp said.

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demolished," he said.

At about the same time that the buildings were being imploded, students were also skating on sheets of ice where there were tennis courts, according to Shaw.

"The two tennis courts, the ones with curbs around them, used to be skating rinks," he said adding that concessions were also available. "They had bonfres and sold pretzels."

But, Shaw added that with these changes came changes in the curriculum.

"When we came into the new

facility (Decker Gymnasium) in 1971, there was a tremendous explosion of curriculum," he said. "When I came here, every student had to take a health class and four semesters of phys ed."

And, as the curriculum and women's role in society began to change, athletic collegiate competition expanded, too.

"The number of people in athletics has risen but that is because in the 1960s, there were no women's intercollegiate teams," he said.

But Shaw doesn't mean that there are more students involved in activities. He points to the Carotowan, the

Mansfield University Yearbook.

"Students generally participate less in extra-curricular activities," he said. "For example: The yearbook. It would be nice to have that but we don't. It's not a lack of support from the administration but a lack of interest from students."

Shaw finds students priorities have also changed. Although he says his current classes are an exception, students in classrooms are different.

"As a general rule, our students used to participate more in class," he said. "This year, I get more stimulating conversation in class than I've had in a

few years... we have become more occupation oriented than learning oriented."

"The level of discussion for a number of years went downhill," he added. "I try to encourage students to provide additional proof; I like to get people involved in discussions."

Hank Shaw has been involved in various areas of physical education. He has served as Chair of the Health and Physical Education Department as well as Associate Professor and Athletic Director. He is currently head wrestling coach and Athletic Trainer.

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Around the Nation

Russian immigrants challenge Gov. Ridge

HARRISBURG (AP) — Waving signs written in broken English, a group of elderly Russian immigrants on Tuesday demanded that Gov. Tom Ridge reinstate the food stamps they lost because of a change in federal law.

Some of the signs carried by the legal immigrants from Philadelphia read: "Tom! Whom You Deprive Food Coupons" and "Mister Governor, The People Deprived Food Coupons Appeal For *"They want to know why they are being ignored,"*

Sophia Brodsky,
group's interpreter

Help!!!" and "Don't Abandon Our Elderly and Sick."

About 100 people, one of whom said he fought against the Nazis at Stalingrad, sat on folding chairs in the Capitol rotunda as rally organizers tried to express their frustrations through an interpreter.

In the little bit of English he could speak, Josef Vinokurov, president of the Coordination Council of Russian Speaking Public Organizations and Mass Media of the Greater Philadelphia, said, "This government not working."

About 16,000 legal immigrants in Pennsylvania no longer receive food stamps, after the federal law was changed last year in a congressional overhaul of the welfare system.

This has created a dilemma for about

2,000 elderly Russian immigrants already struggling on low incomes. They rely on the food stamps — as much as \$220 per month for a couple and \$400 for a family of four.

The problem is this: Under federal law, an immigrant who is applying for citizenship may receive food stamps for about five years. Immigrants must reside in the United States four years and nine months before they can apply for citizenship.

The federal Immigration and Naturalization Service has a backlog, and it now takes about one year to finalize the process once someone has applied to take the oath as an American citizen. During that period, an immigrant is no longer eligible to receive food stamps.

"There's a 12-month period when they are in limbo," said Mary Ellen Fritz, spokeswoman for the state Department of Public Welfare. "We are working with the governor's Washington office and the state's senators to see what we can do about this INS situation."

The Russian immigrants have been appealing to Ridge in writing, but they said he does not respond to their letters. At least 10 states, including New York, New Jersey and Maryland, have used state funds to reinstate food stamps to some immigrants, and Vinokurov wants to know why Pennsylvania has not done the same.

Tobacco Institute appeals mandate to release papers

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Claiming a special master "confuses insincerity with fraud," the Tobacco Institute asked an appeals court to keep private hundreds of documents the state says show kids were targeted.

The institute is the industry's public relations arm. On Monday, it filed a petition with the 4th District Court of Appeal seeking to overturn a ruling by Palm Beach County Circuit Judge Harold Cohen, which would have made public 312 of the 358 documents related to the institute's youth programs.

The institute claims the documents are protected by attorney-client privilege. However, a special master who examined the documents privately found 312 either showed signs of crime-fraud or were not the product of legal counsel. The other 46 he said should remain private.

Cohen affirmed special master William Rutter's findings Sept. 30, but issued an immediate stay to allow the institute to appeal by Monday.

"We believe that Judge Cohen's ruling is not consistent with generally recognized principles of attorney-client privilege," institute lawyer Jim Goold said from his office in Washington.

The institute took exception to Rutter's findings in its appeal, saying the special master "confuses internal memoranda with company policy ... (and) confuses insincerity with fraud."

Florida settled its lawsuit with the industry for \$11 billion in August. However, part of the deal allows the state to keep fighting for documents it had already begun to seek. The documents, if released, could be used by the 40 other states suing the industry.

"They appear to be very important child-targeting documents," said attorney W.C. Gentry of Jacksonville.

The state based its request on several other institute papers, already made public in other cases. Those papers show the institute and its youth program actually worked to lure children to cigarettes, attorneys claimed.

Inmates looking for new employment

PENDLETON, Ore. (AP) — Plucking out dead spiders and cat hair is just part of the task Clyde Mullin accepts while volunteering to clean cassette players for the Oregon State Library's talking book program.

Checking cords for bite marks, fishing out coins and clearing away spilled dinners are also part of his job. And once the cleaning chores are complete, the repair work begins.

Mullin, who has fixed countless machines during his seven years as a volunteer in Salem, is one of five "Telephone Pioneers" working with 10 inmates during a two-day training program at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution this week. Selecting inmates for the training was based on good conduct and experience, said Philippe Magloire, the prison's education manager.

Six inmates eventually will be chosen to participate in a pilot program, in which 1,434 machines in need of cleaning and repair will be looked at.

The hope is that with both groups' efforts, the library's stockpile of flawed cassette players will be whittled down, said Nancy Ripperta, a machine lending agent.

"I am just really excited that they (the inmates) are willing to donate time and expertise for this program," she said.

Ripperta and inmate work coordinator Dick Combs have agreed to an initial goal of 100 machines per month. Combs sees the program growing and hopes to eventually charge a fee of \$5 per machine.

It is small programs like this one that will help the local prison comply with a new law requiring eligible inmates to work 40 hours each week, officials said. Of the prison's more than 1,400 inmates housed during August, roughly one-half are working.

"We're not lacking for ideas," Combs said. "We have just run out of places to do things."

The machine cleaning and repair will

be housed in a small room off the overflow visitors' room.

Inmate Mark VanBuskirk, who worked as a radio repairman at the prison for a time, happily volunteered to work on the project.

"I know people in town are a little bit leery of the inside working for the outside, but this is a good thing," he said.

The cleaning and repair program isn't the prison's only connection to the state library. Six inmates record books on tape for an assortment of institutions, includ-

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Inmate Mark VanBuskirk

ing the Oregon State Library.

Gere Zacharias of Pendleton is one of 7,314 patrons statewide who use the cassette players. The state library's program of supplying the blind and visually impaired with machines and talking books is an essential part of her life.

"This is important," she said. "We don't want to be hidden in a closet like they used to."

Zacharias slowly lost her sight after high school.

The 73-year-old's first taste of talking books was the big, scratchy records of the 1950s. It's not just the cassettes upon which Zacharias relies. She also turns to Braille books and magazines for stories and information.

The state library can send cassette players and tapes through the mail for free as part of a national service operating through the Library of Congress. The project's federal funding is critical to those who use the program.

"Most of us couldn't possibly afford the postage," Zacharias said.

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Legalization of drugs is the wise choice for U.S. government

Legalization of drugs is the most logical choice for a country which spends hundreds of millions of dollars on drug enforcement and drug imprisonment each year. If the government were to legalize all drugs, two major occurrences would take place.

First, the overcrowded prison system would be relieved of many occupants. Secondly, the tax dollars which were being used to support those prisoners could be spent on the many people in this country who are living below the poverty line not to mention leaving ample room for the real criminals.

It is completely illogical for a government to spend millions of dollars on a system of stopping its citizens from consuming drugs when its same citizens are going hungry. That same government could, at any time decide to send those very same citizens off to foreign lands to be killed in war.

The citizens of this country need to realize that the U.S. government has a clear reason in mind for its anti-drug stance. Currently, the United States is the wealthiest nation in the western hemisphere. Marijuana and many other wide-appeal drugs grow best in the atmosphere of South America. If drugs were legalized in this country, many of those South American powers would have a means to pull themselves out of their current economic status. We, as a country would then be threatened. Because of this, money which could be going towards keeping our citizens from going hungry, is going towards the impossible goal of drug prevention.

The paternal instincts of the elite are not a justifiable excuse for the gross violations of liberty, a drug war, and an anti-freedom government perpetrate upon the people. Because the rape of individual liberty does not just stop with outlawing interpersonal chemical substances that are deemed "bad" or "wrong," by a few power hungry politicians.

The forceful penetration of the rights of the citizenry extend to all aspects of the government. Eventually, after being told what you cannot inhale or inject, you are told what you are allowed to consume, where you are allowed to live, what you are allowed to wear, what you can buy, what you can view, what you can read, and what you can think. Of course, by that time, you won't need to think, someone will be appointed to think for you.

In a representative bureaucracy such as ours, certain rights are and should be reserved to the people. "Those powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states, or to the people," Amendment X, to the Constitution of the United States of America. The rights to life, liberty and property are central to our accepting the legitimacy of the state that governs us. Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it....

Is it enumerated in the Constitution that the Federal Government should institute a nationwide moral code? No, it is the duty of the government to provide for the common defense, not to protect the citizenry from exercising their right to decide for themselves what to ingest.



Student has concerns with play director

To the editor,

Recently I was cast in one of the soon to be fall productions of Mansfield University. I was a member of a very talented four person cast selected by Mike Crum. At first I was extremely excited. I was telling people left and right of how I wanted them to come and see the play to support me. However, as time went on rehearsals became more grueling. I was coming back to my room upset every night. My self-esteem was being tested, and I could not figure out why I was so stressed. Finally, after some contemplation, I realized that the emotional pain in which I was going through was due to do the verbal attacks of Professor Crum. Mr. Crum was constantly putting the cast down. He would call us "...remedial actors..." and continually apply negative pressure. He always rolled his eyes, sighed with frustration, and grabbed me to place me in position. This, in turn, made me nervous. Soon, I began dreading to go to rehearsals I would feel low, depressed, and emotionally tortured. The point at which Professor Crum crossed my personal line was when he ridiculed something that was beyond my control.

One night we were in the middle of rehearsal and Mike Crum stopped what we were working on and impatiently asked if I was sick, or something. Shocked by his outburst, but holding back tears I answered, "I have a cold which stems from chronic bronchitis." During the change of seasons and due to this cold, I cough and clear my throat often. Professor Crum quickly lashed back and said that from now on when people fill out the form to be cast in his plays, he is going to have them check a box as to whether or not they have chronic bronchitis and that he was sick of me coughing and disrupting rehearsal. I immediately started to cry. My tears were silent and not obvious, and I quickly wiped them from my face. No matter how much I was hurt, I did not want to appear weak. I had accepted all of his other criticism. I had even changed my hindrances, according to his instructions, but how was I to change an ailment...it was impossible. Mike Crum had touched a soft spot. Something that I have been sensitive about since I was very young. The next day I quit the play. I did not quit because I was hurt, (although I was) I quit because I did not want to mess up his play.

Recently, I talked to someone who is a close friend with Mike Crum and a Mansfield University student, this person said that Mike creates "art". I was saddened by this statement, because of this simple fact that young men and women's self-esteem have to be sacrificed for his creation of "art".

I do recommend that you all go see the play to give support to the actors. They need our support. I am going to attend the play to support them as well. I feel that the cast is extremely talented.

Since being involved in a play is an extra curricular activity, in which we, as a student body, can volunteer to devote our time, no one should have to be subject to verbal put downs and abuse. No one who acts in these productions is being paid. So, why should we volunteer our time, energy, and commitment, just to be ridiculed. The goal of Mansfield University is to facilitate learning, I question Mr. Crum's attempt at furthering this goal.

Sincerely,
Heidi Marie Eilenberger

Student disagrees with food service editorial

To the editor,

The food Service here at MU is something which my V.P., the V.P. of the individual hall councils, and myself are trying very hard to improve for all students who are utilizing Manser. The article which was published in the *Flashlight* a couple of weeks ago was unfair to all of the above mentioned because of that we are all putting in. Every Thursday at 4 o'clock we have a food service meeting (which I have yet to see a

member of the *Flashlight* present) to discuss the concerns of the students and try to come up with solutions which will aim to satisfy all involved. How can you as writers and editors of this newspaper sit in your office and complain if you do nothing to change it. Your article also implies that there isn't anyone who is doing anything to improve the eating conditions. Fact: for the past four weeks I have been working on a non-biased survey to be distributed in the dorms and at the

register in Manser so that we can work with Food Service on trying to satisfy the needs of all students. In the future, I would hope that you as supposed professionals will give your input on how to make the situation better before you print something that will serve only to make the situation worse. Please join us on Thursday in South Court at 4 p.m.
Sincerely, Warren Anderson
Vice-President All Residents Hall Council

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Commentary

Reporter appeals Washington Court decision

by Richard Carelli

WASHINGTON (AP) — Freedom of the press, the adage goes, belongs to those who own a press. A dispute now before the Supreme Court may prove the point.

Sandra Nelson, who works for The News Tribune in Tacoma, Wash., is asking the nation's highest court to reverse a ruling that lets newspapers in her state bar their reporters from off-duty political activism.

She says newspapers should not have any special exemption from employment-bias laws. But the Washington Supreme Court relying on the Constitution's First Amendment ruled otherwise.

The justices have not yet said whether they will grant review to Nelson's appeal. That yes-or-no could come soon, perhaps as early as Monday's start of the court's 1997-98 term.

Nelson was transferred in 1990 from the reporting job she held for seven years to editing duties inside the newspaper's office.

A year before, she had helped

found a group dedicated to preserving a Tacoma city ordinance that prohibited housing and employment discrimination based on sexual orientation. After city voters repealed the ordinance in a 1989 election, Nelson visibly promoted a ballot initiative to restore it.

The News Tribune transferred Nelson from her reporting job because of her active involvement in the ballot-initiative drive, a matter on which she had never reported.

After the election that November, Nelson was told her transfer would be permanent unless she would promise to refrain from her political activities

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Washington State Supreme Court

while not working. She refused to make such a promise, and in 1993 she sued McClatchy Newspapers, which pub-

lishes The News Tribune.

Nelson's lawsuit invoked a 1992 state law that bars employers from discriminating against employees based on their off-duty political activities. State courts ruled against her.

The state Supreme Court said a "fundamental goal" of a newspaper is "to appear objective in the eyes of its readers."

"Editorial integrity and credibility are core objectives of editorial control and thus merit protection under the free-press clauses" of the state and federal constitutions, the state court concluded by a 7-2 vote.

The two dissenters said newspapers should not have such free-press immunity "absent a showing of interference with the newspaper's right to determine what to print."

"Absent a showing of bias in Ms. Nelson's work, and a consequent interference with The News Tribune's right to editorial control ... the newspaper cannot claim First Amendment immunity here," the state court's dissenters said.

Nelson contends that The News Tribune wrongly has been granted the right to interfere with her legally protected off-duty political conduct because

it "may cause some unknown hypothetical reader to react adversely." She says in court documents the newspaper "never received any complaints relating to Nelson's political activities."

"A newspaper's editorial discretion extends not just to what the newspaper says, but to who may say it."

Lawyers for McClatchy Newspapers

Lawyers for McClatchy Newspapers say a victory for Nelson would subvert a newspaper's discretion and perhaps even its reputation for fairness.

"A newspaper's editorial discretion extends not just to what the newspaper says, but to who may say it," they argued in urging the Supreme Court to reject her appeal. "The News Tribune, like most major newspapers, seeks to protect the credibility in the objectivity of its news reporting by requiring that news reporters not engage in political activism."

Clinton's 38-item veto alters the balance of power

by Walter Mears

WASHINGTON (AP) — With President Clinton's 38-item veto, congressional business as usual really did change although the savings will hardly dent deficits. What's happening will do more to alter the balance of power than to balance budgets.

That's assuming it withstands an almost certain challenge in the Supreme Court, which hasn't really ruled on the constitutionality of the line item veto, letting it stand unless somebody can make a case that they have been damaged by the use of the power and so had grounds to sue.

Somebody almost certainly will by the time all the targets for Clinton's new piecemeal veto power have been handled.

He first used it six weeks ago to block three narrowly-targeted tax provisions tacked onto the budget deal between the administration and Congress. There are negotiations on new versions of those measures.

That was only the warmup. Clinton said at the time that he expected

the most glaring examples of line item veto bait to be in the appropriations bills, which are the measures he's getting now.

He found 38 of them in the first of the 13 big money bills for the new budget year, the \$9 billion military construction bill, pruned by \$287 million by the items he blocked.

There's a way back for the rejected items, but it is an obstacle course leading, in the end, to an old-fashioned veto. Majorities in both House and Senate could revive a line item vetoed project in a separate bill, which then is subject to a presidential veto that could only be reversed by two-thirds votes.

Effectively, that means that line item vetoes give presidents the last word on specific spending measures, and that's where the balance is altered. Until this power, sought by presidents since Ulysses S. Grant, took effect this year, Congress had the leverage, since it could write unwanted terms into an essential bill and dare a president to veto it.

Now Clinton can veto their pet projects and dare them to try to put the money back. But only that; presidents can't enforce policy with line item vetoes. The Republican Congress can, by denying Clinton appropriations he

wants. No veto power affects that.

In his first round appropriations vetoes on Monday, Clinton was careful to observe the political amenities. Nobody at the White House was talking about pork barrel spending or pet projects tacked onto the bill to impress voters back home.

Clinton wasn't so circumspect when he signed the bill in 1996 and said it was a weapon against "special interest boondoggles, tax loopholes and pure pork."

Using the veto, he called it a vital tool "to stand up for the national interests over narrow interests." He said some of the projects he vetoed were OK but ought to wait, and that they were in Democratic as well as Republican districts all over the country.

Besides, he said, he let Congress keep most of what it added, saying its judgment is entitled to deference and respect, and signing off on 107 military construction projects the Pentagon didn't seek or want.

After all, he's got much more on the docket than these or the add-on spending that will show up in other appropriations bills for the new budget year. He needs votes and allies, espe-

cially on its embattled trade legislation, and picking veto fights over projects back home can only hurt that cause and others.

So he did it politely, and rejected projects in 24 states, sparing 20 others for which Congress had added items. Congress had 30 days to try to overrule him, and there were immediate threats to try.

But to do it, Republicans who have insisted they're the budget cutters would have to stand and openly demand more spending for favored projects; so long as there are item vetoes, the era when such measures could be quietly tucked into a bill by a congressional committee is gone.

Now, saying no to Clinton's no is more difficult politically. A Clinton economic advisor compared it to the politics of Social Security and other benefit-paying programs, the entitlements that are swelling federal spending.

Rhetoric about spending discipline, in general and in those politically sensitive entitlement programs, is no problem. Enforcing it is.

"People tend to support it in the abstract," said Gene Sperling, chairman of the National Economic Council.

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Magical doors and your sad loneliness

by Krissy Dennis
features editor

Right now as I sit here I am sweating like a two ton pig. This makes me afraid that I might smell. Not a good smell either, a really bad smell that could make people run like hell.

There are plenty of things that I am afraid of. Tonight while I was driving home from a cabin in the middle of the woods a huge spider dropped onto my windshield. Of course the spider was outside, but it was still invading my personal space.

After driving about ten miles I stopped and my boyfriend removed it from the truck because I knew that as soon as I took my eyes off the sucker it would position itself on my door and drop on my head as soon as I got out.

Do I sound Paranoid? Well, I am because I am Aracnophobic. I really think I am. My boyfriend thinks that I am crazy. He says he only knows two people who are this afraid of spiders. So I told him, real frustrated like, that obviously there are more people than that because there is a name for it. Annoyed? Yes he was.

At least I know why I am this afraid. When I was a kid we lived in a trailer with pretty cheap windows. Every spider known to man came into our home. I used to be afraid to go down the

hall to my bedroom because they would make webs across the hall. Ever run into a web? Not a real pleasant experience.

I also have a little problem with heights. It's a real bitch when people are hanging out of the windows of the office. My palms sweat and I have to leave the room, and I'm not even the one who is about to plunge to my death. More power to ya.

I just realized that if I was a boy I would be afraid of other boys, but I'm a girl so I'm not real upset. I went to the bar tonight and it was crowded. I was trying to maneuver my way down stairs when this guy would not move. My strategy for trying to get around people is to put my hand on their back and say excuse me until they hear me.

Well, apparently this guy was either brain dead or deaf. I said excuse me about three times and he didn't move. I had no choice but to whip out the old mutha -fuc— attitude. I thanked him kindly for moving (sarcasm folks) and slightly pushed him out of the way.

Why am I so mad? Because he completely ignored me. I'm not just pissed because I'm a girl. I'm mad because he was so freakin' rude! It's common courtesy to slide out of the way when someone is trying to squeeze around you. Hello!!!

So today I was trying to walk out of Bi-lo and the door would not work. I it was being held back by an invisible

force. Usually, the magic doors swing open because of the good invisible force. HOWEVER, ON THIS DAY, THE BAD INVISIBLE FORCE REIGNED SUPREME!

Sometimes I'm really scared of the VCR. You know, that machine that tries to eat hands and so forth? I'm also scared of the VCR tape rewinder. You never quite know when the tape is gonna be finished rewinding. Talk about pressure.

I'm also kind of scared of the ocean. All those big waves and who the hell knows what is under there. I have a real obsession with sharks. They say that shark attacks are rare. Well, just my luck that the day I go to the beach a big sharky comes swimming along and thinks I'm an unsuspecting sea turtle. Damn the luck.

There is just one more thing that frightens me- being alone. It is pretty much inevitable that someday we are all gonna be alone in our lifetime at one point or another.

I can not imagine spending my life with someone only to lose them in the end and end up all by myself. Not that I would want to die first, but I would rather that than be by myself.

Maybe everyone should just remain by themselves. Never get involved with anyone, you'll only end up by yourself and lonely.

"The number"

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marble of three
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baster of 2?
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zag?
No telling now.
Providence.**

by Gene Yager

She's gone now; it's too bad. Gene says it's okay though!

by Josh Cusatis
gin and tonic editor

Back at the restaurant. She tells me that they're engaged now. It's about time. They'd qualify for common law marriage if they would live in one place long enough. It's good that we've been able to get together despite the distances. A year and a half is a long time to go without seeing two of your best friends.

I guess I could live here. There's a job if I want it but the climate isn't right. I need that bug net around my bed. I just can't hold on to those archaic values for the rest of my life. That was five years ago and I'm a different person.

I wonder if she can tell? Does she know what I've done? I can't tell her. How would she feel knowing that I've had that pumping through my veins and soaking my brain?

It's about time the blisters finally popped. The burning has gone away and soon they'll be completely healed. That not the real concern at this point. What is important is where the skin has been worn raw. The impending complications could mean amputation.

There's the waitress with our salad. So ominous. Like sandpaper and grenades.

It's so oily when you mix it with water but you've got to do some things that you don't like. That's life. It should help with the healing if used properly. Unfortunately.

It's good to be out of there with the wind in my face. I swear they have it in for me. One of these days they're going to use my fingers for pizza topping.

If I have to listen to that for another second I'm leaving. I don't care what it means. I stopped caring a long time ago about the family. All of the rules, values, morals, and wisdom.

Rubbing the mixture on the fish's fins doesn't seem to be doing much good. What do you want me to do about it? I don't have any water. Hold on, it's only 237 miles to the next stop. We'll get something then.

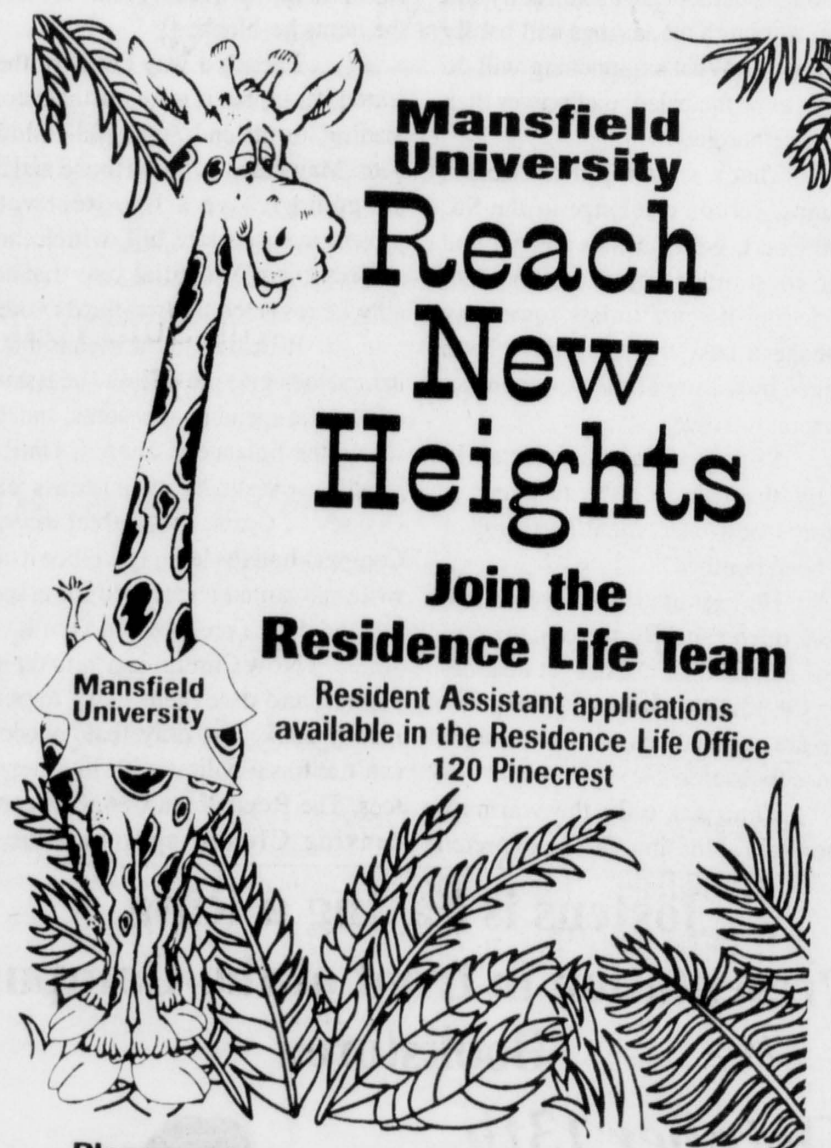
I always knew that they'd end up together. Too bad I can't approve of it much. In two weeks I'll be back to sterilize the relationship. After I stop at the next local hospital and pick up some supplies. I figure a scalpel, three syringes and a couple vials should do the trick. I should get a needle and some string too if I don't want much of a scar.

Down at the shore I can feel the water on my skin and it chills to the bone. I guess it would feel similar to the anesthetic. Good thing I don't have to make sure she doesn't burn. In this rain I'd have to make sure that she doesn't drown.

I guess I have to get out now. It's time to bleed her aneurysm.

(Written in the Gene "Gene" Yager Method of Language Murder. Gene wants you to know that for a free informational booklet about this revolutionary new form of anti-language, kill your parents. You will be contacted by a man with no face who speaks in foreign tongues under red lights in the night. Even I don't understand it.)

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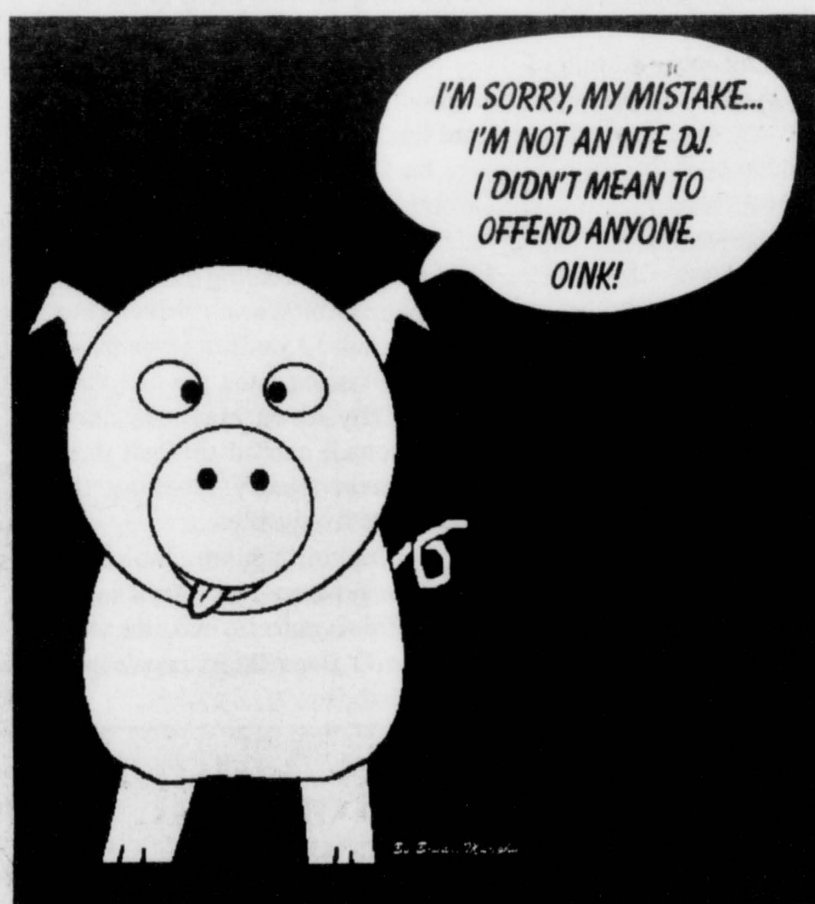
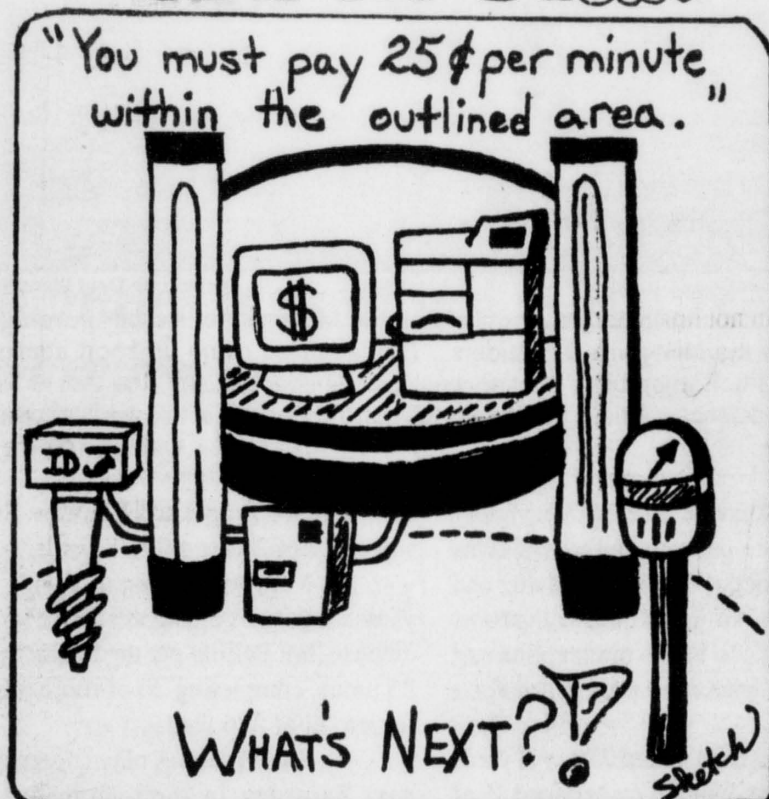
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Special Report

Substance use and abuse in centers of higher education

Percentage of students counseled jumps 50 %

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The number of students using University of Wisconsin counseling services in Madison has increased 50 percent since 1993 with nearly one-third taking mood-altering medication, health officials say.

Thirty percent of students visiting counseling clinics take a psychotropic medication, with anti-depressants the most common, Eric Heiligenstein, a psychiatrist at Counseling and Consultation Services, said.

The most often prescribed anti-depressants are Prozac, Paxil and Zoloft.

"I'm getting a lot more calls than I've ever had from parents who have a son or daughter with depression coming to the university and want to make sure we will see them," Heiligenstein said. "We even get calls from the students' doctors. It's a big trend I'm seeing."

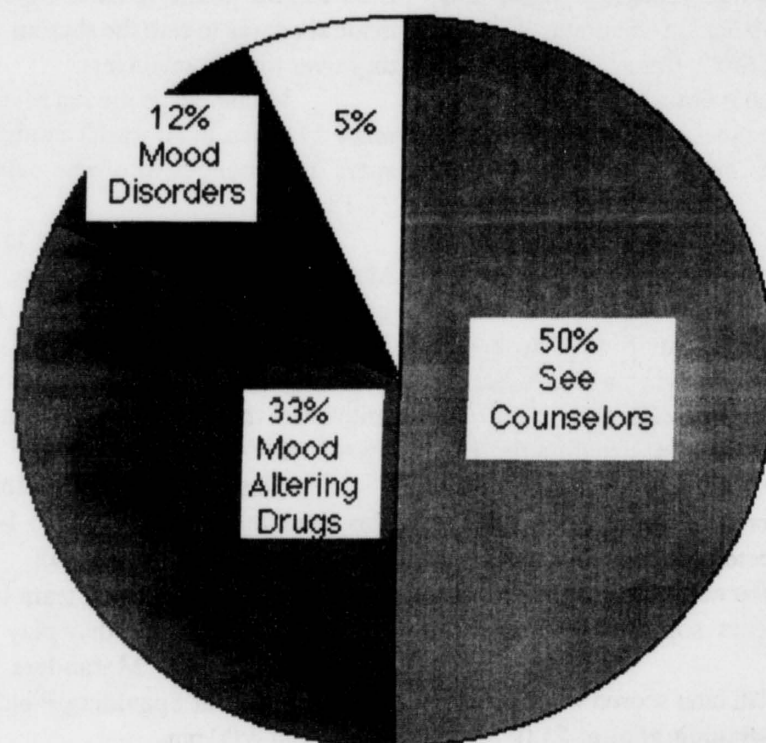
Heiligenstein estimated about 12 percent of all UW students have mood disorders, and depression is most common. The same is true among college students nationally, surveys show.

The number of students using UW-Madison counseling services has increased by almost 50 percent since 1993. The number of full-time employees has more than doubled, from nine to 20.

About 12,000 visits were made to campus counselors last year, largely because of an increase in cases of depression, said Heiligenstein, a clinical assistant professor at the UW Medical School.

Only in rare cases do campus psychiatrists prescribe the drugs without requiring counseling, he said.

Students who go to counseling services have a brief meeting with a therapist or psychiatrist within 24 hours of a request to be seen. Staff members assess their needs and set up a one-hour follow-up



Graph concerning percentage of students at the University of Wisconsin who deal with substance abuse firsthand

appointment.

After that visit, decisions are made on what route of therapy to take. Some require medications and therapy, but therapy alone could work for others.

"Students come in asking for anti-depressants, and we don't explicitly say this, but we're not waiters or waitresses in a restaurant where people order what they want," Heiligenstein said.

"If they want prescriptions alone, we will point them in the right direction, because there are lots of doctors in Madison who will do it that way. But we won't," he said.

Anti-depressants stimulate the brain to increase its production of serotonin, a chemical at low levels in people with depression.

Although anti-depressants are most often used to treat the illness for which they

were created, they can be used to treat a variety of mental and physical illnesses or ailments, Heiligenstein said.

Those include anxiety, migraine headaches, compulsive behaviors, smoking addiction, and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

The growth in depression among UW students mirrors an increase in the number of adolescents taking anti-depressants, said Sharon Foster, a UW associate professor and assistant clinical professor of pediatrics.

"More adolescents are facing harder situations now than like those 20 years ago," she said. "There's a lot more risk out there now with drugs and alcohol."

Depression is becoming more acceptable as an illness, Foster said.

The debate continues.

Trustee claims ignorance in drinking case

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Wrangling over a beer sipped by a trustee's underage daughter after the North Carolina-Virginia football game is highlighting confusion over the university's alcohol policy.

The campus police chief and the chancellor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill say they don't condone drinking in parking lots. It's illegal, they say.

Billy Armfield, the UNC trustee whose 18-year-old daughter got a citation Sept. 27 for drinking a beer in the Ramshead booster lot, says he thought it was allowed because people were behaving.

"People have been having responsible drinks (in the Ramshead parking lot) before and after games since I was a little boy," Armfield said. He said the lot was supposed to be a place where adults could have a drink.

Armfield's opinion was echoed by Moyer Smith, president of the Educational Foundation — also known as the Ram's Club.

"It's my understanding that as long as there is no public display, and people are drinking responsibly, that it is permitted on a football Saturday in all parking lots for anyone," Smith said.

Not so, according Chief Don Gold and Chancellor Michael Hooker.

"They can believe what they want to, but we enforce the laws as we encounter problems," Gold said.

The law that governs the parking lots on university property is the state statute, which prohibits consuming "fortified wine, spirituous liquor or mixed beverages on a public road, street, highway or sidewalk."

It is also against state law to display those alcoholic drinks "at any athletic contest."

Hooker said the university has to walk a difficult line between prudishness and persuading students and alumni to drink responsibly. He acknowledged that totally eliminating alcohol from all parking lots during football games would be practically impossible.

"On the other hand, we've been working our necks off to try to address the problem of binge drinking, and it is very difficult to deal with a problem like that when alcohol is so much a part of our culture," Hooker said.

Student-athlete drug testing proposal deep-sixed

BOTHELL, Wash. (AP) — Students don't have much higher regard than their parents for a plan to test high school athletes for recreational drug, judging by results at a public forum.

About 150 youngsters attended the Northshore School District forum Monday night and 98 were given electronic voting devices.

Forty-one percent said they strongly disagreed with the proposal for drug and alcohol screening before a student could turn out for a sport, 19 percent strongly agreed and the rest chose one of two intermediate options.

Among 72 adults polled the same way at a similar forum a week earlier, 47 percent strongly disagreed and 31 percent strongly agreed.

Of about 30 students who addressed a panel of educators at the forum, about 25 spoke against mandatory urinalysis for student athletes. Among the adults, only five of 38 speakers were in favor.

"I urge you to spend your time, money and effort on prevention and not lawsuits, which will be filed if this proposal should pass," said Naomi Gilman, a Bothell High School sophomore and varsity soccer player.

"I do not want to be attending a school district where I'm guilty until proven innocent. That's not the way this country works," said Eric Bukovinsky, Woodinville High student body president.

One of the few in favor was Inglemoor High School senior and athlete Jessica White.

"We'd like to think that every high school student is strong enough to say, 'I'm drug-free,' " she said, "but sometimes it takes that extra bit."

The school board plans to begin considering the proposal Nov. 12, said Eric

Calendar

Saturday, Oct. 11

10am - Homecoming Parade downtown Mansfield.

11am - Cross country away vs. Dickinson College.

1pm - MU football home game: Mounties vs. Bloomsburg University.

8pm - Wyclef Jean & The Refugee All-Stars concert in Decker Gym.

8pm - Concert Choir/Wind

Ensemble concert in Steadman Theatre.

10pm - Zanzibar at the Hut.

Sunday, Oct. 12

3pm - Konrad Owens, faculty clarinet recital in Steadman Theatre.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

4pm - Field hockey at home vs. Millersville.

Hey, Kids!

If you don't have reservations for the Millennium yet you're probably out of luck!

Don't come crying to the *Flashlight*! You ungrateful little...

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Homecoming enjoyed by campus

Thomas A. Jones
wire editor

Mansfield University senior Amy Spaulding was crowned queen on Saturday October 11, 1997 to end the annual homecoming celebration.

Spaulding said she was surprised when she was crowned Homecoming Queen.

"I was surprised; it was a really nice honor," said Spaulding. "I didn't realize all the support I was getting."

Spaulding won over other contestants like junior Amanda Shull, senior Jennifer Mello, and male students Eddy Gorman and Stephen Calabro.

Spaulding is a senior special education major. She was voted queen by her fellow students from among 19 candidates. She is the daughter of Robert and Kathleen Spaulding of Honesdale, PA, she represented the Maple Residence Hall Council.

Spaulding also indicated that her friends were partially responsible for her good fortune.

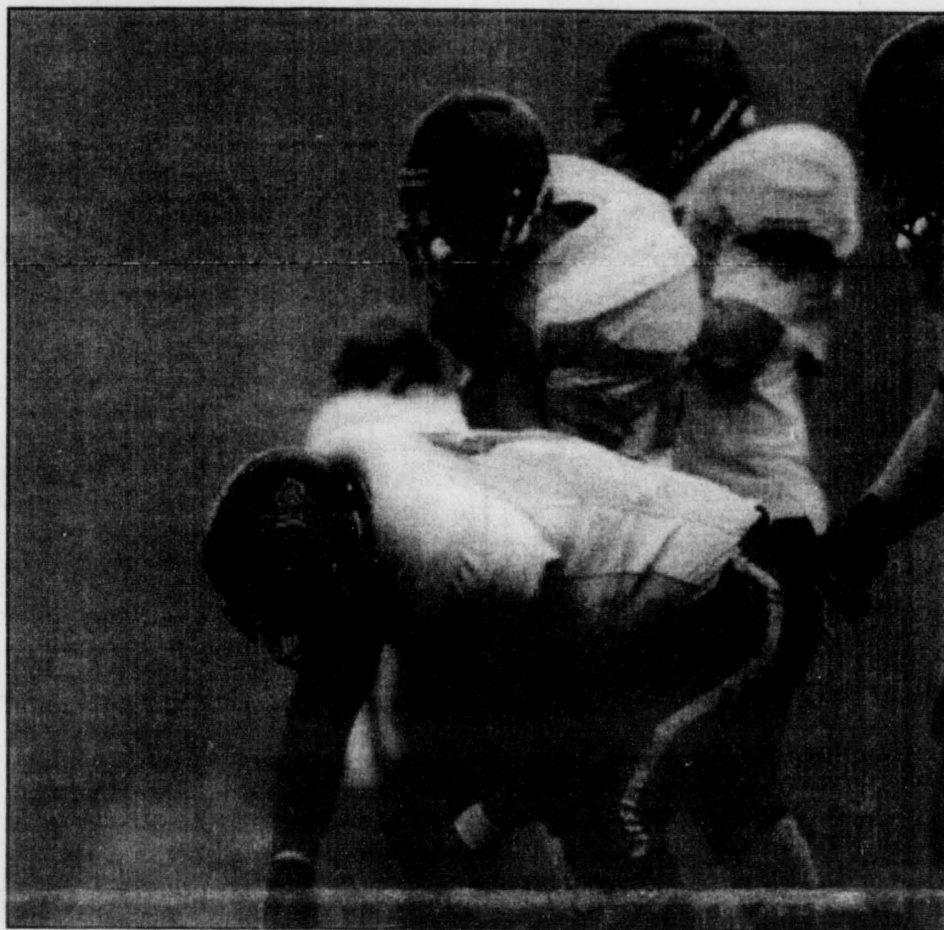
"There were a lot of people telling me they voted for me," said Spaulding. "It's hard to believe it was coming true."

Before Spaulding was crowned Queen, a parade crossed through Mansfield.

According to Scott Miller, Mansfield University Public Relations director, several awards were also given to entries in the Homecoming Parade.

The award for "Best High School Band" went to Mansfield High School. Williamson High and Elkland High won second and third place respectively.

The Council for Exceptional



file photo

The football game was just one of many activities during homecoming weekend

Children won Most Creative in the "Banner" category. Mansfield Activities Council received recognition for their "Jurassic Park: The Lost World" banner and won Best Overall Appearance.

MAC also won Best Overall Appearance for their float, "Dino the Dinosaur."

Vice-President of MAC, Brian Murphy said that the organization was very happy with all they accomplished in the Homecoming Parade.

"We're pretty proud of the

award," said Murphy. "We put a lot of work into it."

MAC will be showing "Jurassic Park: The Lost World" on Saturday and Sunday November 1 and 2 in Allen Hall at 7pm, Murphy said.

The Mansfield Music Department received an award for their float, "Hooray for Hollywood," also. The Department won Best Overall Relation

see HOMECOMING, pg 2

Possible gunshots reported behind Pinecrest dorm

Josh Cusatis
news editor

Over time reports have been made to university police about gunshots being heard coming from the wooded area behind Pinecrest Hall.

According to Michael Lemasters, director of residence life for Mansfield University, although reports have been made no-one has ever been caught firing a weapon in the area between Pinecrest Hall and the water tower.

"There have been reports made about this but to the best of my recollection we've never found anybody," Lemasters said. "Students have called the police complaining about these shots and they've been investigated but I never seen a follow up report by the police."

Lemasters said that he cannot think of any other explanation for these noises but feels that they may not be coming from behind Pinecrest.

"I've heard these shots and I can't think what else they could be," Lemasters said. "They could be echoes coming off of the other mountains. These sounds usually occur during hunting season so it is possible."

According to Lemasters, MU does allow students to bring firearms with them but must register them with the university police.

"A number of our students hunt and target shoot and we don't want to say that they can't do this," Lemasters said. "Some universities say that students can't have firearms at all see POLICE, pg 2

Students enjoy Wyclef Jean/Destiny's Child concert over weekend



photo provided

Wyclef Jean, and opening act Destiny's child entertained Mansfield University over the weekend. According to Mansfield Activities Council, the reason that the concert was held was because of the results of a survey distributed to students

Katie Evans
staff reporter

Last Saturday, R+B artist Wyclef Jean and the Refugee All-Stars entertained students at Decker Gymnasium.

The show opened with the group Destiny's Child.

Mansfield Activities Council Concert Co-chair Sharitta Bowie stated in last week's issue of the Flashlight "Last semester the students voted for R+B. What they asked for is what they got."

The turnout at the concert totaled 350 people. "There could have been a lot more people," junior Amy Parker, who attended the concert said.

According to Parker, "He (Jean) was really really good. Destiny's Child was okay, if they were wearing more clothes it would have been better."

Marisa Davis, freshman, found only one flaw with her concert experience, though.

"The wait to get in was long, but he (Jean) made it cool. There weren't a lot of people, but those who were there, liked it," Davis said.

MAC records indicate that the final

cost for the concert was estimated at 35,000 thousand dollars, \$25,000 of which was the fee paid to the band itself.

The same night, the Mansfield University Music Department presented a concert "American Music for American Hearts", featuring the Festival Chorus, Concert Choir and Wind Ensemble.

Attendance at that event was approximately 450 students.

Although the music department withdrew the Jean concert, some members of MAC saw a brighter side to the concert.

"The opening act was excellent," Cindy Albano public relations chair at MAC said. "Wyclef was pretty good, he signed a lot of autographs."

During the Wyclef Jean concert, there was a situation involving the Mansfield State Police, who were intending to serve a warrant to a man wanted by the Williamsport State Police for attempted criminal homicide, possession of a firearm, aggravated assault, simple assault, and reckless endangerment of another.

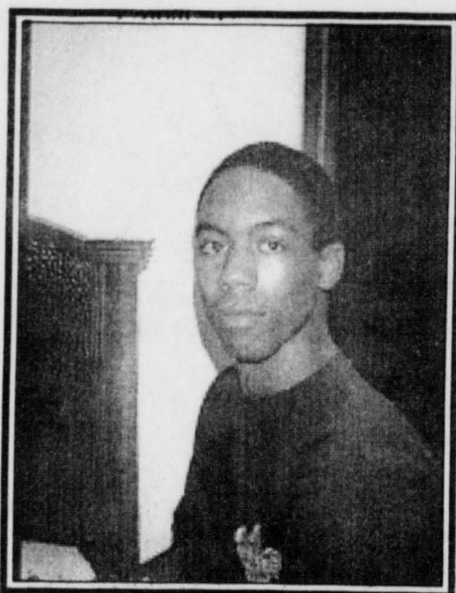
It was a case of mistaken identity on the part of the police, and there were no arrests.

The man thought to be the suspect was not a Mansfield University student.

Campus Voices

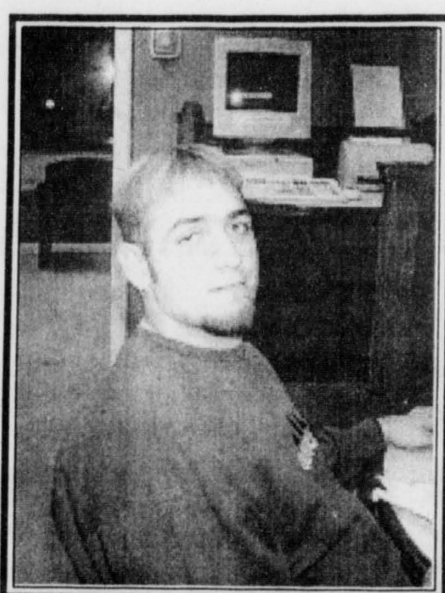
"What do you think of race relations on campus?"

by Megan Sallade



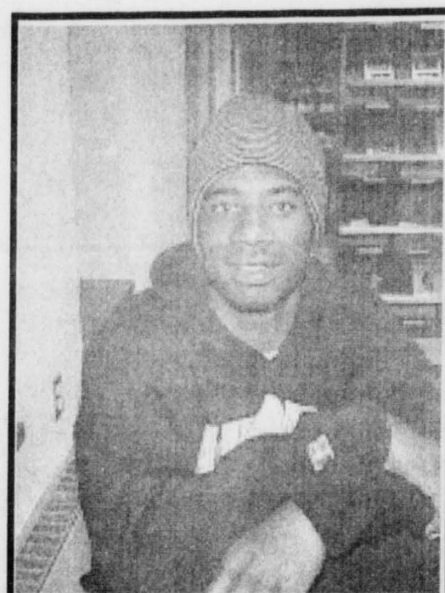
Darrell Miller
Freshman

"I don't see a problem with it."



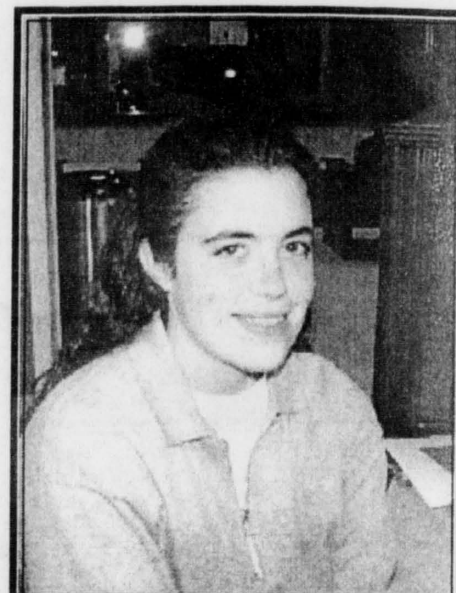
Anthony Frey
Sophomore

"I don't think there is a problem"



Kenny Wooseley
Senior

"I don't see it as a segregation but as a common bond. They relate to each other"



Andrea Martin
Freshman

"In comparison to where I went to high school there is a lot more, but there is still separation"

from POLICE, pg 1

and there are some that let them keep their weapons in their cars. Our concern there is that they could be stolen."

Lemasters said that there are a few reasons why students should register their weapons with the university police.

"First of all, it's not safe for students to keep guns in their rooms," Lemasters said. "Second, the police have adequate storage facilities for people's guns."

According to Lemasters, denying students their weapons is not what the university is interested in.

"Our big concern is that students would use their guns in a rash manner," Lemasters said. "We also have a concern that somebody other than the owner would get ahold of the gun."

Lemasters added that just because the university police keep student's weapons this does not mean that students cannot have access to them.

"The campus police are open 24 hours a day and students can get their guns at any time they wish," Lemasters said.

Lemasters said that despite the university firearms policy it is not unlikely that a student could have a weapon on campus without anyone knowing about it.

"It certainly is possible that a student could have a gun in their room hidden away," Lemasters said. "We don't search rooms and anyone could have prohibited materials without anyone else's knowledge."

According to Katie Evans, an MU freshman, she heard gunshots as recently as last Sunday.

"I was with my boyfriend at about 10:45 pm when we heard 4 gunshots or whatever they were," Evans said. "One officer came down off the hill and looked around. He didn't look too concerned."

Campus police refused comment.

from HOMECOMING, pg 1

to Theme.

"They spent all of Friday night making the float," David Morrison, se-

nior Music major said.

Later on Saturday, MAC Concerts presented "Wyclef Jean and the Refugee Allstars" in Decker Gymnasium. Approximately 350 students attended the concert.

Police Beat

10/16/970110

Suspicious odor- marijuana, upon arrival met by RAs on third floor and were advised by the same that the odor was incense. Complaint unfounded.

10/16/970600

Placement of mowing signs on Wilson Street.

10/16/970900

4-10-31S. Revenue, CCSI, Bookstore, Manser Dining Hall.

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Lock-out, Adjusted by police.

10/16/971022

Criminal mischief/ Marble bench North end of North Hall vandalized by unknown individual(s). 2 marble slabs broken in several places.

10/16/971240

Vehicle lock-out, Adjusted by police.

10/16/971342

Complainant reporting loss of 35mm automatic camera- under investigation.

10/16/971400

Complainant reporting theft of \$130.00 U.S. currency taken from her locked dorm room. No force- method of entry unknown at this time.

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Alcohol awareness focus of lectures

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**Educate yourself about the
dangers of Binge Drinking
and Alcohol Abuse.**

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~The Flashlight

by Darren A. Meehan
managing editor

True or False: 67% of college students binge drink.

False. Actually, 67% of college students don't binge drink. This fact along with many others, will be presented next week as Mansfield University's annual Alcohol and Other Drugs education week begins.

Carmen Bianco, Director of Alcohol and Other Drugs Education, is using the theme "Majority Rules" to amplify the effects of binge drinking, acute alcohol poisoning and other related topics.

Bianco hopes students will come to an understanding that the problems of alcoholism are not unrealistic, like the myth many students have about drinking.

"The person who doesn't have

a lot of drinking experience start doing the chugging (of beer) rapidly and it numbs the controlling responses in the brain," he said. "The more you drink the more you lose control."

On Tuesday, October 21 in Allen Hall, Attorney Larry Mansfield will discuss the legal issues surrounding drinking in light of the recent deaths at Massachusetts (MIT) and Louisiana State University (LSU).

Other topics presented through the week include: helping friends with drinking problems, over-the-counter medications and alcohol, and acute alcohol poisoning. All lectures are free and open to the public.

According to the AOD Alert newsletter, provided by the AOD Education Office, 72% of college students have not missed a class due to drinking, 67% of students have not driven under the influence of alcohol and 82% of students prefer not to have illicit drugs present at social events.

MU changes proposed at SGA meeting

by Kimberly Diane Mohrman
staff reporter

The Student Government Association's weekly meeting on Monday, October 13th, dealt with changing the appearance of many campus sights.

The Administrative Affairs committee presented a report concern-

ing the future of the Belknap/Retan site. These renovations would last more than a semester and one summer but a start date has not been set yet. The former Rec Center would be converted into a two-tier parking garage.

The committee also noted plans for construction on some of the roads surrounding the campus. North Hall is also being considered as MU tries to

make the library accessible from both the main entrance and the Art Gallery entrance. Currently, the fifth and sixth floors, as well as the gallery, are blocked off by a large metal fence.

Affairs also informed SGA of numerical changes in some of the nursing courses.

Members of SGA also agreed to commit 100 dollars to the Lambda Chi

Alpha food drive being held from the end of October until the beginning of November.

As the SGA looks for two more senators, they also discussed proposed business cards for senators and special apparel for their members.

The next SGA meeting will be held Monday, October 27 in 204 Memorial Hall.

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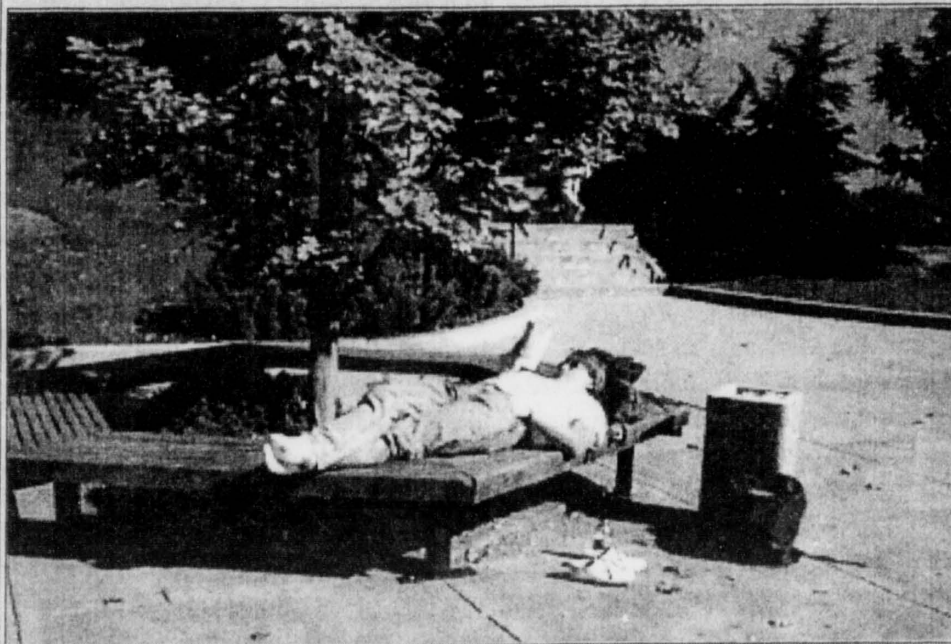


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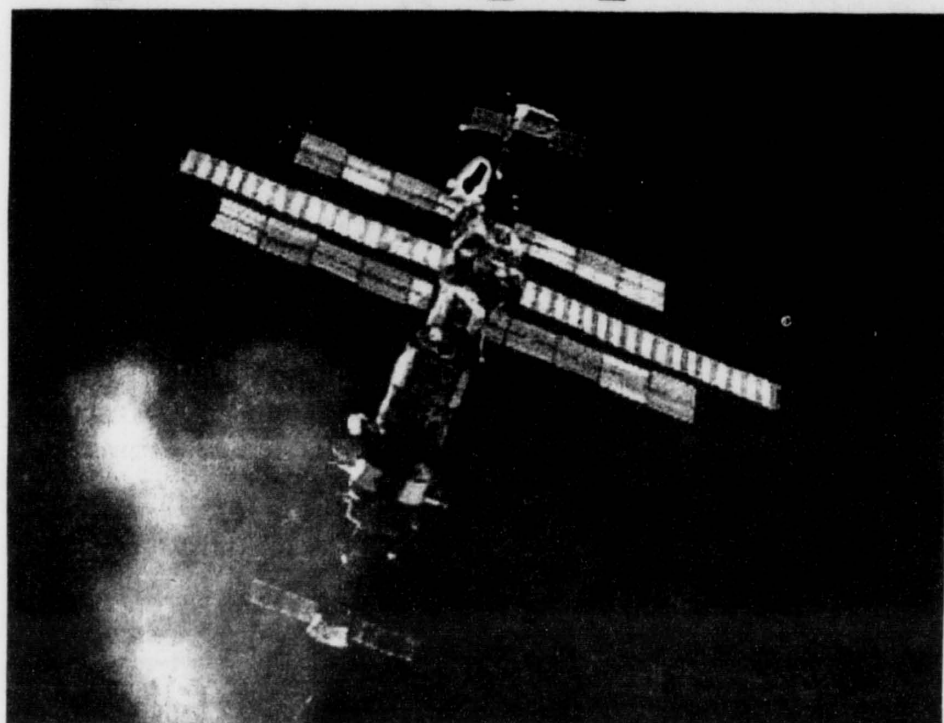
MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY students have been enjoying unseasonably mild weather lately. Many students wonder if this fair weather will lead to a violently cold winter or another mild season. This student takes time out to lay back and enjoy the sun while it is still possible. Forecasters are predicting sunny weather this weekend.

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Around the Nation

Mir crew will attempt repair on equipment



CNN Photo

Mir Space Station in orbit around the planet Earth. Mir is currently preparing to undergo repairs to several damaged and faulty pieces of computer equipment

MOSCOW (AP) — Mir's crew members plan to repair a back-up oxygen generator using spare parts delivered to the space station by a cargo ship this week, a Mission Control official said Friday.

Russians Anatoly Solovyov and Pavel Vinogradov and their American crew mate, David Wolf, have unloaded most of the supplies brought Wednesday by the Progress M-36 cargo ship on Wednesday, Mission Control spokeswoman Vera Medvedkova said.

The space ferry delivered about 2 1/2 tons of supplies and equipment, including a back-up computer, spare parts, fuel, drinking water and a new device designed to fly around the space station and

examine its exterior.

The crew will use supplies delivered by the Progress to replace the faulty parts in the Elektron D oxygen generator which failed during the summer, Medvedkova said.

The station's main oxygen generator also has broken down at times but is now functioning normally.

The crew is planning three spacewalks to repair the damage from the June 25 collision with a previous cargo ship. The first spacewalk, which will take the cosmonauts into the damaged Spektr module, is planned for Oct. 20. Russian officials hope to have all the damage repaired by the end of the year.

Teamsters testify regarding corruption

WASHINGTON (AP) — Current and former Teamsters officials testified Tuesday they were coerced into supporting union President Ron Carey's re-election campaign last year.

At the opening session of a House subcommittee investigation into the 1996 contest between Carey and challenger James P. Hoffa, witnesses said they felt they had no choice but to contribute to Carey's campaign.

"I was required to contribute \$50 per month for nine months," said Barbara Dusina, a union organizer, who said she was also asked to buy tickets to fund-raisers and attend the union's 1996 convention as an unelected delegate. "There was an 'unspoken' message that if any staff person did not contribute, they would be unemployed after a Carey victory."

Another witnesses told the House Education and the Workforce oversight subcommittee chaired by Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., that two payments

"[They were] transparently an effort by the anti-labor forces in America epitomized by the Jim Hoffa Jr. Campaign."

John Bell
Carey Spokesman

tied to an allegedly illegal scheme to fund Carey's election were debated by top union officials. He also said Carey's supporters maintained an "enemies list" of unfriendly local unions.

Richard Leebove, spokesman for Hoffa, said the testimony provided further evidence that federal oversight of

the election "has been a disgrace."

Carey campaign spokesman John Bell dismissed the hearings, saying they were "transparently an effort from the ... anti-labor forces in America epitomized by the Jim Hoffa Jr. campaign."

In June 1996, Dusina and Vince Hickman, who said he gave nearly

"I was required to contribute \$50 per month for nine months."

Barbara Dusina,
a union organizer

\$1,400 to the Carey campaign because he feared refusal could have cost him his job, were called to Washington at union expense to receive their convention assignments.

But instead of convention assignments, they said they were urged to attend a \$250 a plate fund-raiser for Carey.

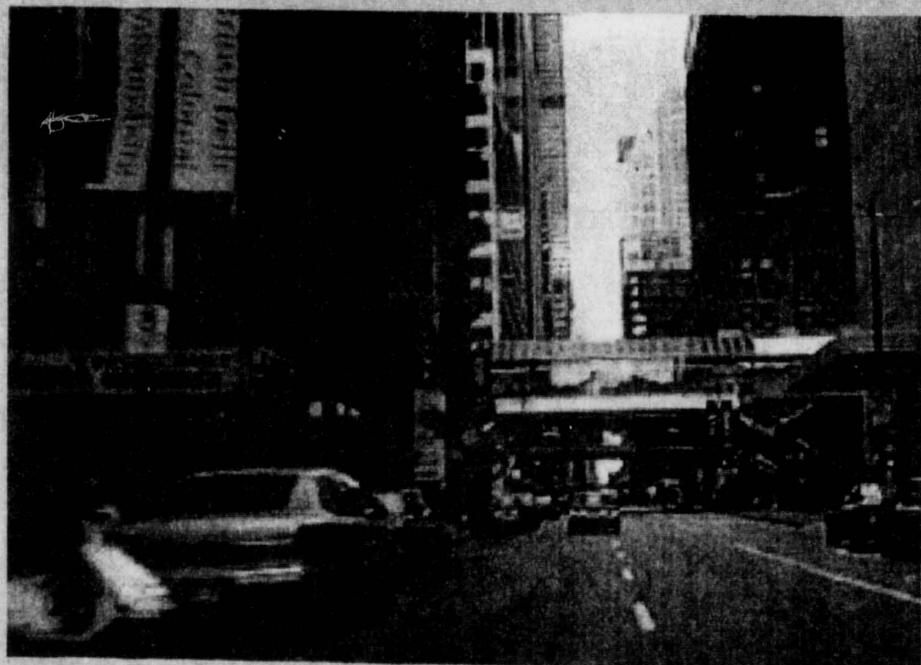
Teamsters officials said many of the charges raised Tuesday were remedied during last year's election by the court-appointed overseer who threw out Carey's victory, citing what federal officials describe the illegal scheme to swap union funds for donations to Carey.

Greg Mullenholz, who administered the union's political action committee until this summer, testified that about \$170,000 in union payments to Project Vote and the National Senior Citizens Council were originally blocked by the union's No. 2 official, Aaron Belk.

Mullenholz testified that the payments ultimately were approved after an exchange of memos between his boss, union political affairs chief William Hamilton and Carey.

However, Mullenholz was unable to say exactly what Hamilton told Carey.

Chicago's elevated trains celebrate 100 years of service



CHICAGO (AP) — Facts about Chicago's elevated trains, which this week have served Chicago's Loop for 100 years:

— The first elevated line ran from downtown to 39th Street on the South Side, beginning in 1892.

— Originally pulled by steam locomotives, L trains soon switched to electric power, the method used today.

— Each car weighs about 55,000 pounds when empty. The trains' pierc-

ing screech comes from the friction of steel wheels turning on the steel tracks.

— In most places, the elevated tracks are about 30 feet above the street, but they rise as high as 60 feet in some places.

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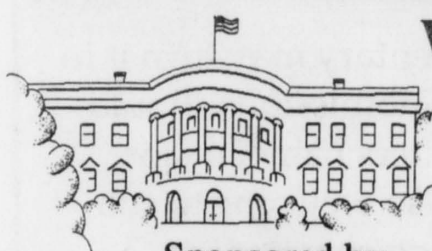
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Eat, drink and be responsible

Every year there are college students who either die or are severely impaired by binge drinking. They consume heavy amounts of alcohol beyond the legal limits all in one shot. Although they think they are mature enough to drink, they fail to realize the heavy responsibilities that come with drinking.

Anything is good in moderation. Moderation is the key to any activity that could be potentially life threatening. Drinking is not a bad thing. Drinking in moderation also isn't. Irresponsible binge drinking is. Most college students at some point in their lives go out, drink and sometimes get sick. It might be blunt, but it's true.

However, there needs to be a point where students take responsibility for their actions. We as students have to realize the potential dangers that come along with consuming large quantities of alcohol. Drinking is a grown-up sport and you have to act like a grown-up to play. The students have an obligation to themselves and other people around them to moderate their actions.

Everything done in moderation can be controlled. When students drink they are basically saying that they are old enough to make their own decisions. As free citizens we have that right: the right of self-actualization.

There appears to be a movement in our nation to reduce the level of responsibility citizens have over their own actions. The sense of national victimization has so pervaded our culture that everybody is a victim of something, whether that thing is alcoholism, drug abuse, or circumstances.

Every American is free to drink when they reach the age of 21. At that time, they also should assume responsibility for their actions. One of the freedoms this country now offers is the freedom from responsibility. If you screw up, blame the bar. Blame the fraternity. Blame everyone but yourself. If this is your mentality, you are the reason this country appears to be in decline.

But if you're not this type of personality then you take responsibility and can be a grown-up and you understand that you control your own destiny. You deserve to enjoy yourself every once in a while.

So go out and party. Go out to the bar and drink until you can't drink any more. Throw back a case of beer, guzzle that bottle of vodka and party. Party with things your parents would kill you for if they knew you were doing it. Do "it" and lead the life of instant gratification to the fullest; but be responsible.

And if you wind up in the Emergency Room about to be operated on by some med school punk who thought that if he became a doctor he would get all the ladies like George Clooney, don't cry to anybody or claim your parents abused you. Take some responsibility for your actions, sell your home to pay the hospital bills and do your time in the joint like a man or woman.

We don't say never have one too many. You can enjoy everything in its place, in its proper time, a.k.a. Moderation. Sometimes you might drink yourself into such a stupor so that you wind up on your friends bathroom floor while Jack Daniels and Jim Beam party with some tequila in your stomach and give you disgusting updates. If you should accept that your freedom to party carries with it the implied condition that you are still responsible for your actions, you will enjoy life more, and enjoy it longer.

And, when you do decide to go out and really live it up, take a friend along who knows you and your tolerance fairly well. Or if you see someone you know partying a little too hard, take some responsibility yourself and look out for them. Don't be afraid to end a good night. If you don't, you might help end a good life. It happens on other college campuses and it *can* happen here.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON



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Fraternity needs donations to help end area hunger

To the Editor:

I am writing on behalf of the members of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity to request the help of the students, faculty, and members of the surrounding communities. On November 1, 1997 about 200 chapters of Lambda Chi Alpha in both the United States and Canada will be collecting food for the fifth annual North American Food Drive. The North American Food Drive is an event that started five years ago with the goal of

helping local communities across this continent address the problem of hunger. In only four years of its existence, the food drive has raised more than 2,000,000 pounds of food for needy families in local communities across the United States and Canada. As an international fraternity, we have set the goal of collecting 1,000,000 pounds of food to feed the needy of North America. We will donate the food collected by Lambda

Chi chapter at of reducing hunger in our community. If you have any questions about the Lambda Chi Alpha North American Food Drive, please call Jesse at 662-8096. Please join us in our attempt to reduce hunger by donating food to the Lambda Chi Alpha North American Food Drive.

Brother of Lambda Chi Alpha
Ben Calder

Commentary Policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary may turn it in to the *Flashlight* office by 5 PM. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writers name, major, class, and phone number. Nonstudents are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

Letters to the Editor Policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we?

In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The *Flashlight* reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the *Flashlight* office, 217 Memorial Hall, Monday through Friday.

Commentary

Mid-semester evaluation for MU administration

by Darren Meehan
managing editor

Mansfield University students, for the most part, will receive mid-semester evaluations soon so it is only proper that the administration receives an evaluation as well:

University President Rod Kelchner gets high marks in all subjects. In his last year at Mansfield University, the man continues his dedication to the students. In an issue earlier in the semester, a student quoted in an article told me that he hadn't met the president. Kelchner took the time to meet this student and even tried to help the kid land a job. Unfortunately, Kelchner is the only person from the administration on the Dean's list.

In the past week, a few of the pompous punks who call themselves leaders on this campus have shown their true colors. One person who found himself extremely busy lately helping out while Joe Maresco, Vice President of Student Affairs, is sick, took the time to walk over to the Flashlight Office. It seems someone had a problem with something that was written on the walls. NOTICE TO STUDENTS: Please DO NOT try to express yourselves by writing on dry-erase boards in the privacy of your room or office.

The "Punk Police" will be there in no time to crack the case and push you around. They continued by saying that if we didn't comply they would shut down the newspaper. Well, if they would like to lock out the only era of this newspaper selected for national competition in a *real* contest in almost a decade, go ahead. It would only show the actual stupidity of the "Punk Police."

The "Punk Police" also investigated another matter involving this newspaper. A secretary for the Punks called wondering why we didn't deliver newspapers to her boss. Well, I'm sure every student and faculty member who reads the Flashlight would like a copy delivered to them on Friday but the reality is simple: After spending all night putting the paper together, we don't feel like being paper carriers.

We deliver a few to the President because he presents it to the Board of Trustees. Besides, he legiti-

The "Punk Police" will be there in no time to crack the case and push you around."

mately works hard and deserves to have the campus help out in any way possible. But the person who called didn't deserve that respect. In fact, I respect her less because she tried to bully her way into making us comply.

Aside from that, we strategically place them throughout the campus and that's all. We would like nothing more than to hand deliver a copy to each student but we can't. Common sense says that there is a higher chance of each person reading the paper if each one receives a copy individually, so why shouldn't I stand on the corner in some jackass looking jeff-cap screaming "Extra!Extra!" handing them out like beers near a keg?

It's funny that the students, the ones who walk around campus all day jumping through the hoops that are MU policies and practices, have no problem picking up a copy during their truly busy day but the office workers and administrators, who spend the day behind

the desk, can't take the time. Come on people. Isn't it about time we each take a reality check to see if maybe we're a little too selfish.

Or, if you would like us to deliver the newspaper to you, why don't the students demand that their professors deliver add/drop slips? And why shouldn't I expect my professor to stop by with a withdraw slip? After all, I'm very busy and don't have the time to see him. Hell, I'm paying his salary. He should send me my notes too, right? Wrong.

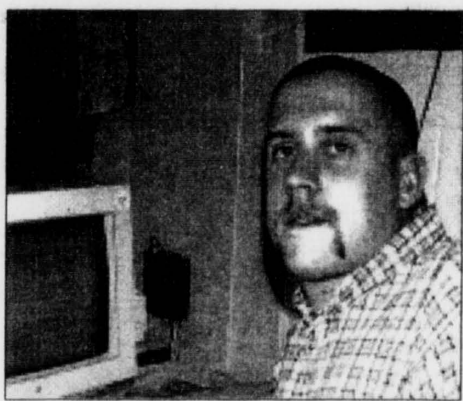
The students aren't that selfish and they work with the system. They understand that their professors are busy. We don't wave like a flag the fact that we pay their salary. We learn and we live and we help with the system.

Look, administration, we understand that working in these offices of Mansfield University is a lot like the "thug life" that the kids are always referring to in their rock and roll and in the rap songs that seem to be so popular, but for God's sake, give a little, get a little.

And besides, if these office workers are working for people working for Mansfield University, then it can be assumed that their boss is indirectly working with or for the students and they can get a newspaper just like any student, right? For those of you who don't know, The Flashlight is available in Lower Manser, Belknap Hall, Retan Center, Decker Gymnasium, Allen Hall, Butler Center, The North Hall Library, and various other points throughout the campus. Get yours today and stop wasting our time with senseless crap like why we don't cater to "nobodys" and why we might have a naughty word on a board in an office frequented by adults!

Hey ...teacher, ...leave those kids alone!

Student's Libertarian view of the U.S. welfare system



by Marquand D. Brown
MU senior psychology major

The idea of welfare was first brought up in the very first Congress of the United States. A bill was introduced to help the fishermen of Cape Cod and the farmers of the U.S. John Hospers quotes James Madison in his book "Libertarianism" who debated on the subject. Madison debated that by Congress giving money for these purposes would also be giving them the right to give public treasury to other purposes. This would get the ball rolling and Congress would not be limited like it was designed to be. The bill was rejected. This was followed up by Thomas Jefferson who said, "This will settle forever the phrase ["promote the general welfare"], which, by a mere

grammatical quibble, has countenanced the government in a claim of universal power."

This merely shows how some of our most important forefathers were

Ending welfare might get the country back on its feet.

against welfare from the beginning. That all changed during the great depression. Now the ball is rolling. There is a great need for change. Two hundred billion dollars a year is spent on welfare. Not just welfare of the poor but welfare of all kinds. Some forms of welfare include corporate welfare, another being community betterment projects, and Medicare. The list goes on and on.

Ending welfare might get the country back on its feet. How? It would stop much unneeded taxation, which, would help boost the economy. People that are getting raped by taxation would be putting their hard earned money back into the economy.

I don't want to sound like I'm not promoting the general welfare. There are simpler ways to do it such as non-profitable organizations. People always help when there is a need for it.

Welfare policies have caused people to become blind to the problems that surround them. They feel that by leaving it up to the government, they don't have to worry about these problems.

Welfare has also caused people to rely on funds that might not be there one day. Now, with Clinton's welfare reform people are running around dis-

Welfare is not and cannot be the answer.

traught not knowing where they will be in five years. This shows how deeply people have come to rely on someone else to take care of them. I feel that through the means stated above of charitable organizations we can rid the country of this and weed out the people that don't try to get out of their slumps. With the way the economy is going more and more jobs are opening up. These include all kinds of occupations not just the high end jobs of being a doctor, lawyer, or corporate executive.

Welfare is not and can not be the answer. More money is spent on the actual people running the program. This money is not being spent or redistributed like it is supposed to be. That is why we need to end all of these destructive

programs.

As I said above, corporations are also receiving allocations from the government. This is just as bad if not worse than allocations for the poor. Through abolishment of this action. Again taxation would be greatly reduced and people would put their money back into the economy. This in turn would create a boost in the business world and corporations would spring up. Also, due to this increase, they would not be needing help from the Federal Government, which, is not their job anyway.

Listen to our forefathers. It is not the job of Congress to take and redistribute money to anyone in need. It is simply a moral obligation of the people of the union to act on their own account and help those people who need it. They can make their own decision of whether their neighbor needs help or not. It is up to them and only them. The federal government was not enacted for this purpose. They were designed to be a part of a limited government, which, our ancestors created. This form of Socialism which can be seen in this redistribution is not acceptable in a country built on enterprising ideas and values. This is a country committed to the ideals of independence from a restrictive government.

The Stealth Bomber and its post-Cold War values to the U.S.

by Thomas A. Jones
wire editor

The Stealth Bomber. The physical embodiment of American Military might at the height of the cold war. The invisible purveyor of peace through strength in a troubled world.

But what is exactly the role of the "bird of death" now. Is the world really so safe (as Bill Clinton claims) or are there still governments committed to extinguish all freedom throughout the globe? If the answer to the second question is yes, do they require

the use of a \$16 billion strategic weapon of mass destruction to be settled?

No matter how many middle-eastern nations President Carter decides to visit, it would appear to even a casual viewer that the world is not really as safe for our freedom as it should be.

Russia's hard-liners and communists threaten to either forcefully retake Alaska or continue selling Nuclear weapons to the illegal governments of Libya and North Korea. Neither of which are particularly pleased with our notions of freedom of speech, freedom of religion, in fact Freedom in general.

China has still not answered for their continual murder of Tibetan citizens and their repression of individual citizens.

These are but a few of the current hotpots threatening to infringe on our rights to life, liberty and property.

This leaves us with the question: Is a \$16 billion explosive delivery device still viable to assist us in these problems?

Considering there is little or no alternative being considered by the military and the government, the impression would be that it is.

Kreative Korner

Editor succumbs to obsession with stars and fancy shoes

by Krissy Dennis
editor of *obsession*

My room was blue when I was a kid. A light blue that enveloped the room. There was a canopy bed and a white rug, which wasn't exactly the best choice, and a small window facing east.

This room was my haven when I was a kid. I stayed in there and dreamt of being anywhere but where I was. It's not that where I was was terrible. I was never abused and my parents were not divorced. In fact I had a pretty good life. I just wasn't content to be a normal kid. I was by every definition of the word, star struck.

I was the typical preteen. I

bought all the teeny bopper magazines and plastered pictures of prepubescent stars all over my walls. My favorite was River Phoenix. Corey Haim and Corey Feldman were up there on the list too, but River was my obsession.

I do not say this lightly at all. When I say that I was obsessed I mean it. You have to figure I was a young and impressionable girl. I wanted to be where he was. I never wanted to be a movie star, I just wanted to be his girlfriend. That's not too demanding, is it?

I have a whole collection of pictures and interviews with River. I actually hauled my collection to college. That would probably embarrass some people to admit that, but I have no

shame. Wasn't a very good feeling when he died. Yes, I was disturbed. Then I discovered David Duchovny.

I think obsessions can be alright if handled properly. For instance, I have a fetish for shoes. I'm not the only one who is obsessed with footwear. I say kudos to Imelda!

Another obsession I have is with the cleanliness of my food. I'm not talking about dirt being on my food. I'm talking about having to have my sandwich touched by mayonnaise, ketchup, or mustard. I get scared when a knife that just sliced through a great big, stinky hoagie with all sorts of gross condiments on it cuts my virgin hoagie. I tell you what though, I will eat liver and mashed

taters until my eyes pop.

Some people are obsessed with looking good. I don't just mean trying to match their purse with their shoes. We're talking crazy obsession. Some people actually stand in front of the mirror and flip their hair around until it lays down in just the right spot. In high school I used to be that girl. I probably single-handedly ruined the ozone.

Sleep once again is the main thing bouncing around in my head right now. The soft pillow and the warm comforter. The only thing that I ask for when I sleep is a fan. I don't need the fan to blow on me, just make noise so I can't hear anything at all. It could be totally silent in my house, but I need that fan on. I'm a mad woman!

N.H. man dies while running in memory of dead daughter

the Associated Press

HOLLIS, N.H. (AP) — A man who had hoped to raise research money as a memorial to the 14-year-old daughter he lost to cancer collapsed and died at the finish line of 13-mile race.

John Pierce, 51, suffered a heart attack Saturday just 10 feet shy of the finish line of the Applefest Half-Marathon, police said. He was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Joseph Hospital.

Pierce, of Princeton, Mass.,

was wearing a hat embroidered with the words: "In Memory of Ali Pierce," who died last year.

Pierce was in the race as part of his training for next spring's Boston Marathon. He saw the Boston race as a way to raise awareness about cancer and money to fight it.

"Since our daughter died, he just had a mission in life to help other people," his wife, Anna Ling Pierce, told the Boston Herald. "We met so many children with cancer who had passed

away that he wanted to do something so other people didn't have to go through what we went through."

Pierce was a manager for the Worcester office of Morgan Stanley-Dean Witter. In addition to his wife, he is survived by their sons, J.T., 12, and Michael, 9.

Ali died Nov. 3, 1996, at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester. She had been diagnosed with cancer in 1994.

Her parents formed a fund in

her name to help young cancer patients and their families at the center.

After attending a Boston Marathon dinner to benefit the Dana Farber Cancer Institute this year, Pierce told his wife he believed he could use the race as a way of helping.

"John said, 'I want to make a difference. I want to raise Ali's Army,'" Mrs. Pierce said.

Now, Mrs. Pierce said, she will work to raise "Ali and John's Army."

Ali is currently deceased.

"The Peacemaker" offers action, thrills and fine special effects

by Wayne LaForme
staff reporter

This week's film is "The Peacemaker" (R). Directed by Mimi Leder of "ER" fame, it is the first film released by Dreamworks SKG. George Clooney and Nicole Kidman star in this action packed thriller. Clooney's character, an intelligence officer for the Army's Special Forces, and Kidman's

character, a scientist in Washington's Nuclear Smuggling Group, join forces to stop nuclear terrorism.

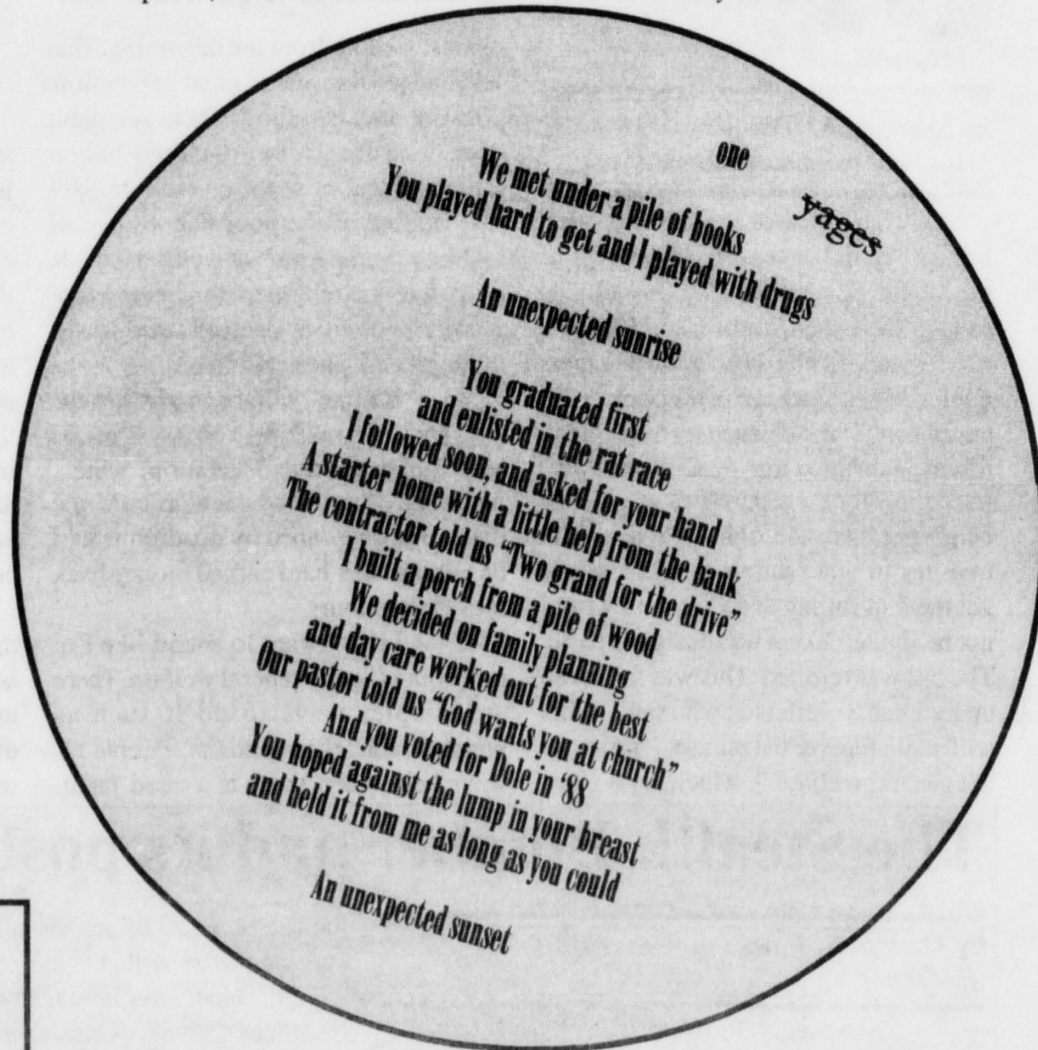
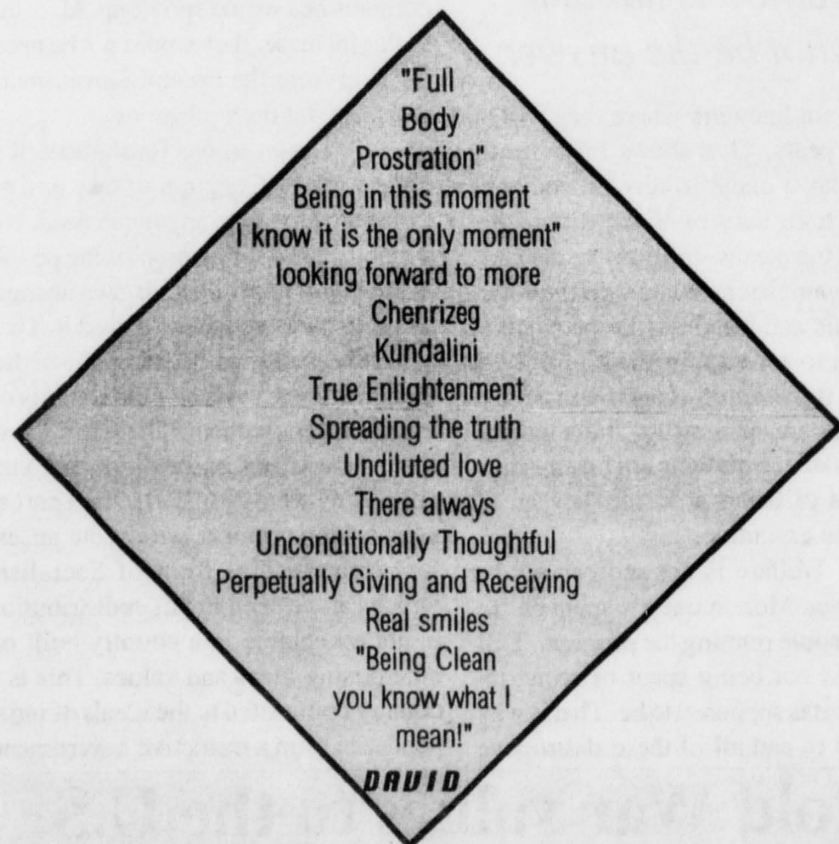
In the film a group of Russian soldiers steal ten nuclear warheads and cover their tracks. It looks like an accident until Kidman sees a flaw in the incident. With the help of George Clooney and satellite technology nine bombs are recovered. The tenth is in the hands of our villain, a Bosnian terrorist.

With the fate of New York City in his back pack he seeks revenge at the U.N. It is up to Kidman and Clooney to find him and disable the bomb. I wonder if they made it in time?

The special effects and Hans Zimmer's score were integrated into the film very well. We have seen most of this movie in films like "Air Force One" and "Speed", but it still holds us in sus-

pense. Clooney and Kidman were both good, much better than their previous "Batman" performances.

This is the first, in a long, and prosperous set of movie reviews. Look in future issues of this fine, upstanding publication for more action-packed reviews. Editors note: *God Save The Moth---ing Queen! She will shrivel up and blow away without us!*



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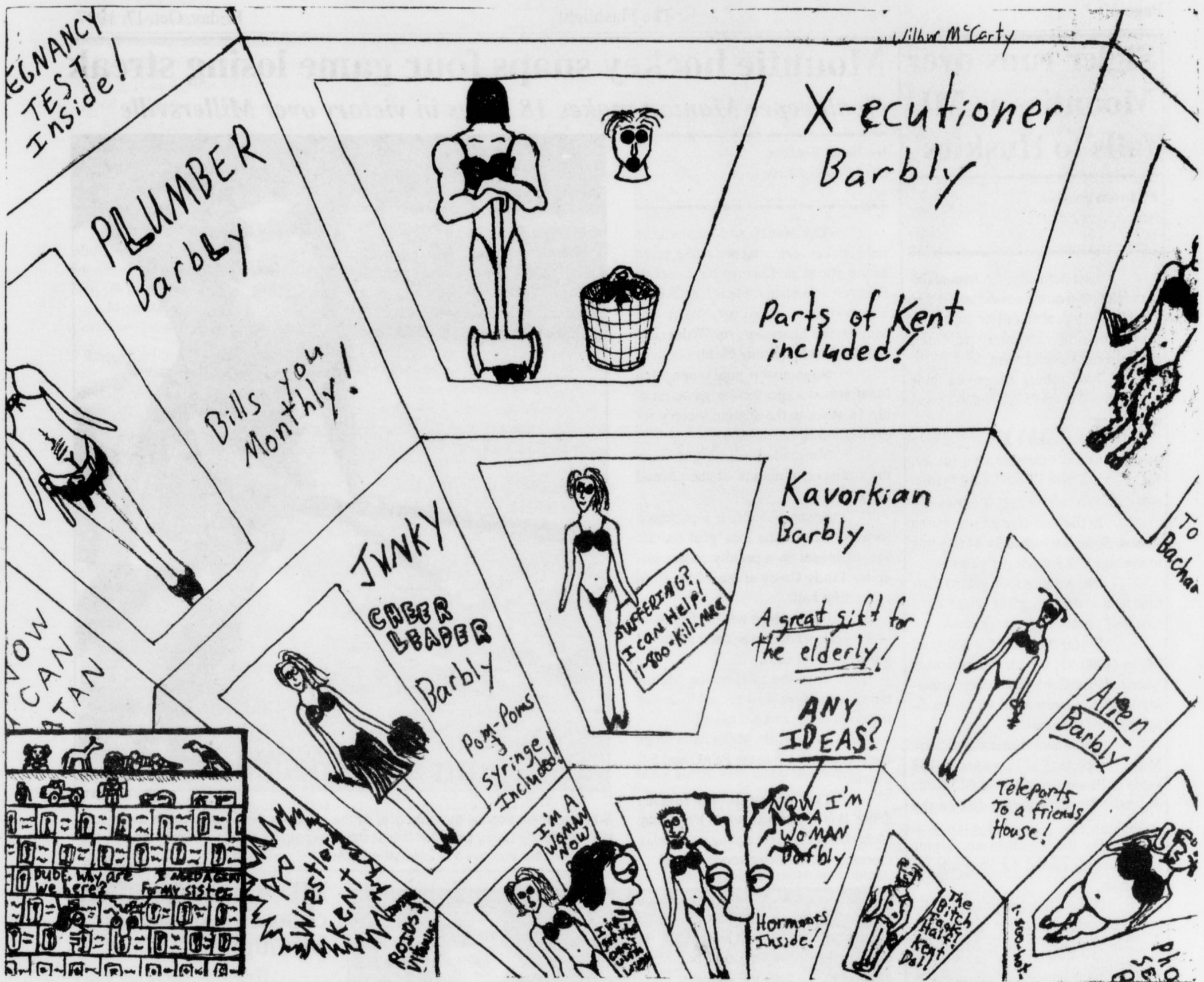
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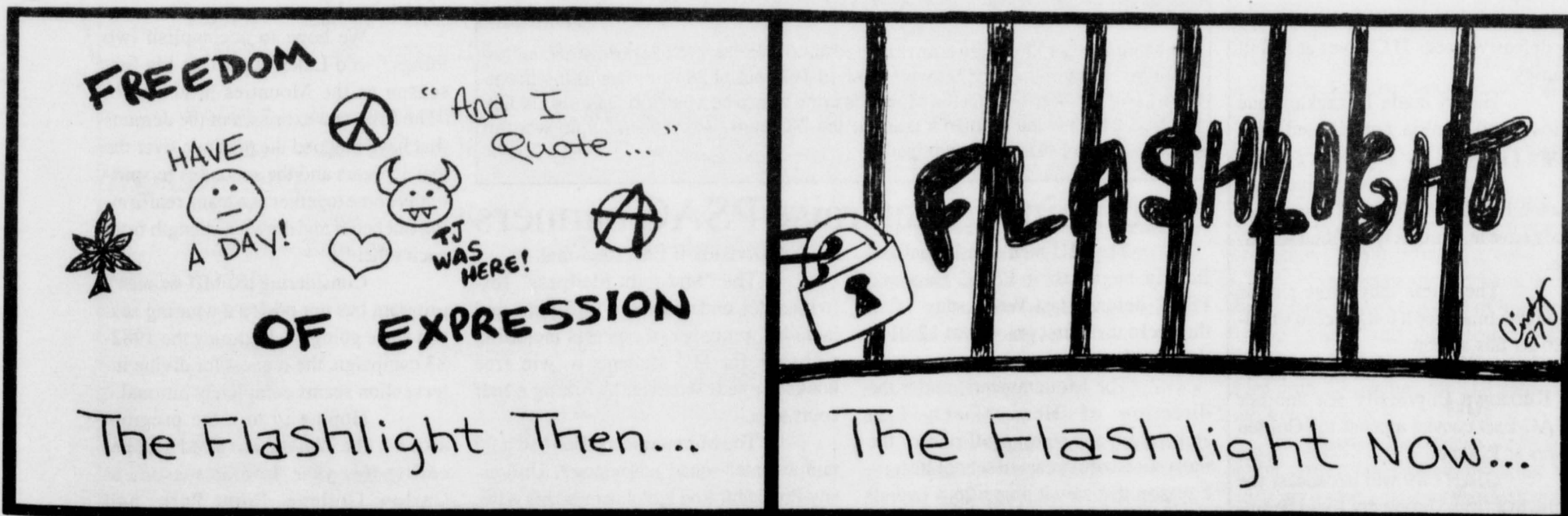
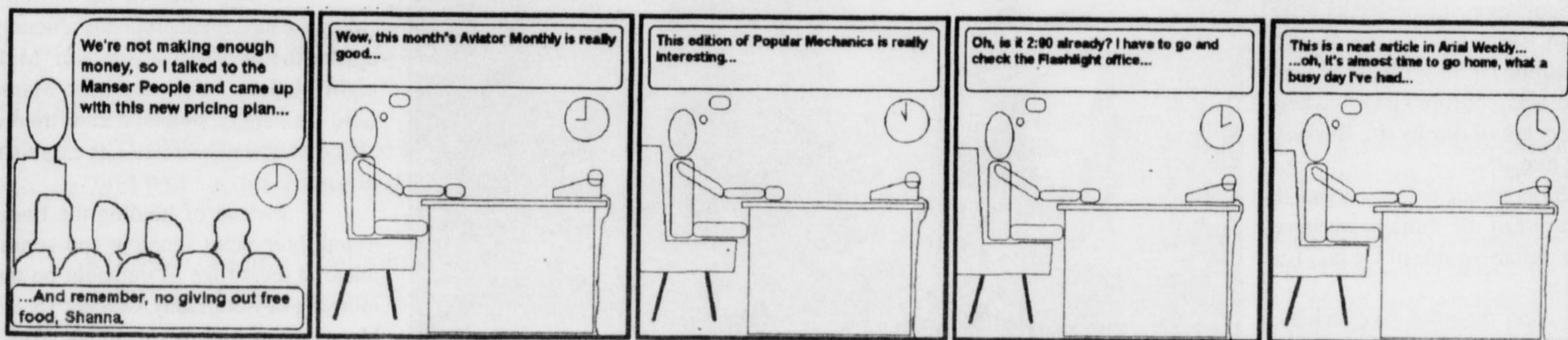
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Your Tuition/Tax Dollars At Work

By Bryan Murphy



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The Flashlight

Friday, Oct. 17, 1997

Sigler runs over Mounties as MU falls to Huskies

by Jason Feather
Asst. Sports Editor

Last Saturday, the Mountaineers fell to 0-6 on the season and 0-2 in the PSAC-East after falling to a very powerful and extremely talented Bloomsburg Huskies team, 55-0.

Bloomsburg improved their record to 2-0 in the PSAC and 4-1 overall.

The Huskies key to victory was the nation's number one rusher, senior Irvin Sigler. He ran for 249 yards, scoring three touchdowns for Bloom.

In the first five games of the season, Sigler has rushed for 1169 yards to average 233.8 yards per game.

Bloomsburg took a 41-0 half-time lead on the strength of Sigler's 216 first half yards on 23 carries.

Sigler tied IUP's Michael Mann (1990-93) for the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference career rushing touchdown record of 48 on his final score of the game.

Freshman signal-caller Eric Miller completed 8 of 12 passes for 158 yards as Bloomsburg gained 613 yards in total offense, including 431 on the ground.

For the Mountaineers, senior Jason Donadi rushed for 98 yards on 15 carries.

Donadi finished with 167 all-purpose yards giving him 4,014 total yards in his career here at Mansfield University.

He is also still on track to become to first Mansfield running back to ever reach 1,000 yards in a season. To date, he has a little over 500 yards on the ground.

Sophomore quarterback Lucas Smith also had a nice game on the ground, rushing for 83 yards on 12 carries as he was continuously flushed from the pocket all day by the Huskies defensive line.

Bloomsburg defensive tackle Gary Fittery had the most productive day on the defensive side of the ball for the Huskies.

Fittery recorded five tackles, two of them for losses, and two sacks for a loss of 17 yards.

Mansfield's defense was led by defensive backs JJ Cleaver and Matt Hanley.

Hanley made 12 tackles, one a loss, and Hanlon contributed nine stops.

The Mounties tough luck this season has definitely been warranted. They have an extremely difficult schedule.

The teams they have played have combined for a total record of 24-7 so far this season.

The Mounties must now travel to Kutztown University for another PSAC-East contest against the Golden Bears at 1:30 pm.

GIANT 89 will broadcast the game live from University Field beginning with the pregame show at 1:00 pm.

Mountie hockey snaps four game losing streak Goalkeeper Manton makes 18 saves in victory over Millersville

by Jason Feather
Asst. Sports Editor

The Mansfield Mountaineers field hockey team snapped a four game losing streak picking up their second Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference win with a 1-0 victory over the Millersville Marauders on Wednesday afternoon at Spaulding Field.

Sophomore goalkeeper Jen Manton had a spectacular game making 18 saves in the shutout victory for the Mounties.

She made twelve big saves in the decisive moments of the second half.

Shanna Vitale, a sophomore forward, scored the lone goal for the Mountaineers on a penalty corner set-up by Tandy Carey at the 14:56 mark of the first half.

For Vitale, it was her fifth goal of the year, while it was the third assist this season for Carey.

With the victory, the Mountaineers improve their record to 2-4 in the conference and 4-6 overall.

Meanwhile, Millersville drops their record to 1-5 in the PSAC and 5-9 overall.

The Mountaineers remain home this afternoon when they play Mercyhurst College, and again Sunday morning versus Longwood College.



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Shanna Vitale scored the only goal of the match in the Mounties first win in four games. Tandy Carey provided the assist on a penalty corner set. With the win, the Mountaineers improved to 2-4 in the PSAC.



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The Mountaineer X-country team traveled to the Dickinson College Invitational last Saturday. Freshman Todd Stewart finished 16th out of 244 runners at the meet. Mike Lane finished 32nd for the Mounties in the men's competition. Brianne Liddick finished 24th for the women's team in the 33 team field. The Mountie women placed 15th out of the 33 team field.

Mountaineer men raise PSAC banners

The MU men's basketball officially began their PSAC East and PSAC defense last Wednesday when they held their first practice at 12:01 in the morning.

The Mountaineers, under the direction of Head Coach Tom Ackerman, are coming off one of the most successful years in school history, a season that saw it post a 26-4 overall record, win the PSAC crown and advance to the semi-final round of the

NCAA Division II East Regional.

The "Midnight Madness" festivities got underway at 11:15 p.m. and included a number of contests including a chance for MU students to win free books for next semester by hitting a half court shot.

The Mountaineers then had a 20 minute inter-squad scrimmage. University President Rod Kelchner and his wife, Joan, coached the opposing teams during the morning's festivities.

MU women b-ballers choose exorcism over Midnight Madness

Halloween may be two weeks away, but the Mansfield University women's basketball team hopes to vanquish its demons and ghosts long before then.

While many of the nation's collegiate basketball programs officially opened their 1997-98 season with "Midnight Madness" this week, the Mansfield University women's team tried a different type of exercise-- an exorcism of sorts.

Instead of holding the traditional three-point shootout and scrimmage at the stroke of midnight on the morning of Wednesday, October 15, the Mountaineer women's team attended a special "Twilight Retreat" on the night of October 14.

We hope to accomplish two things," said Luke Ruppel, in his first season as the Mounties head coach. "The first is an exorcism of the demons that have plagued the program over the last 15 years and the second is to spiritually come together as a team, reaffirming our belief and drawing strength from each other."

Considering the MU women's program has not posted a winning season since going 14-12 during the 1982-83 campaign, the request for divine intervention seems completely rational.

Hoping to turn the program around, the University hired Ruppel earlier this year. In nine seasons at Carlow College, Point Park, and Mercyhurst and Hilbert College, Ruppel has posted a 148-89 record.

Twenty-something Davis overcomes challenges to lead Mounties

Special to the Flashlight
by Steve McCloskey
former sports editor

One thing is certain about Nate Davis, he likes nothing better than a good challenge.

At the golden age of 25, most men are reliving their college football glory days over drinks with friends or reminiscing with former teammates at homecoming. Although they can still talk the talk, few have the ambition or ability to come out of the stands or off the couch to mix it up with 18-22 year olds on the gridiron.

Mountaineer sophomore fullback Nate Davis is not your average 25 year old.

Instead of being content to relax and watch football, Davis has developed into one of the Mounties most valuable assets. A bruising fullback who can pickup the short yardage against a stacked defense, Davis has also become one of the team's top receivers as well as one of the best special teams performers in the conference.

"I never expected to play college football," explains Davis. "I had some schools looking at me to play other sports, but nobody really showed



Nate Davis

any interest in football."

The idea of playing collegiate football seemed even more remote when Davis choose a call to arms instead of going off to the ivy covered walls of college after high school and enrolled in the Marine corps.

"When he told me Davis had just gotten out of the Marines, I knew he could play for me."

After a four-year stint in the Marines, where the most football action he saw was playing and coaching touch football in Puerto Rico, Davis returned to his hometown of Wellsboro and joined the Green Hornet football staff as an assistant coach.

It was there the idea of playing collegiate ball was born after playing catch with fellow assistant, and former Mountaineer defensive standout, Steve Boyce.

"Steve and I were playing catch one day after practice and he said he thought I could play at the Division II level. He told me he was going to talk to Coach Viadella about joining the team and although I really didn't think much would come from it, I said OK, let me know. I was interested in seeing if I could do it."

Boyce didn't have to work too hard to convince Viadella to give Davis a chance. "Steve was a tough player the year I was an assistant on the defense," explains Viadella, an All-Marine line-backer while serving in the Corps in the mid-70s. "I knew he was a good judge of talent and when he told me Davis had just gotten out of the marines, I knew he could play for me."

Davis justified Viadella's faith in him by earning the starting spot at fullback for the 1996 opener with Cortland.

"I have to admit that more than once I thought to myself—what am I

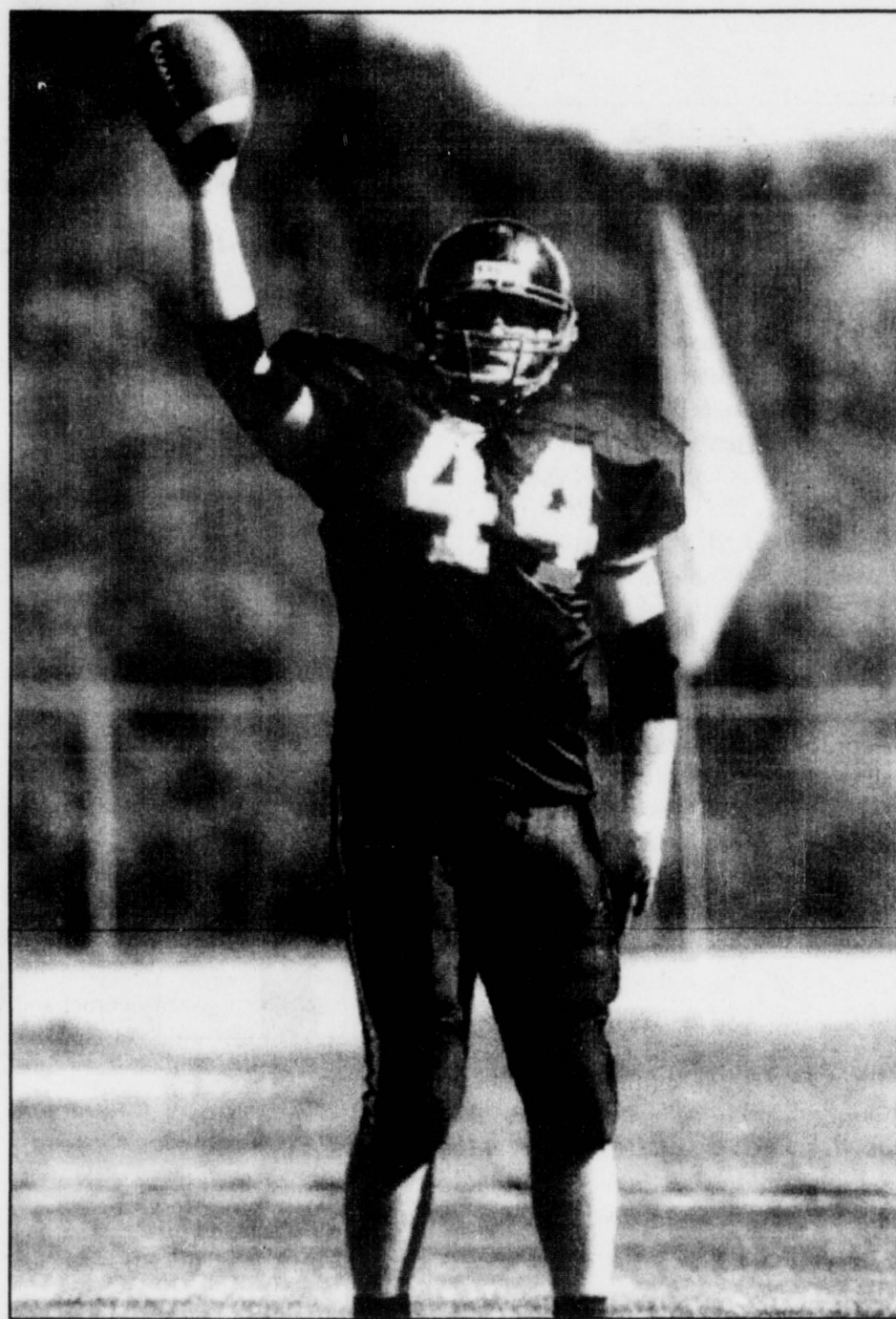


photo by Thad Woodward

Nate Davis has been described by one of his fellow teammates as having "the best hands I've ever seen." Davis is capable of bashing for the tough ground yards as well having the speed and hands to catch the ball from both his fullback spot and the slotback position. Here, Davis lifts the ball skyward after one of his touchdowns this year.

doing here? I hadn't played contact football for six years and when I did I was on the line," Davis said.

Although the football instincts came back quickly, learning to play a skill position took a little longer.

"First game of the season we beat Cortland and the first pass I catch I'm wide open with nobody in front of me," remembers Davis with a smile. "But instead of running away from tacklers, my defensive instincts take over and I run right at the guy and get tackled."

Over the course of the season, Davis adjusted to his new position and his team mates by pulling in 29 passes for a team best 519 yards and two touchdowns. In addition, he picked up 38 tough yards on eight carries and had seven tackles on punt coverage. He's continued that success this year with 14 catches over the first five games of the season for 172 yards including touchdowns.

So much for the challenge of playing collegiate football. The real challenge in his life came after the sea-

son ended when he and his wife Missy were married in December.

"Playing in a football game is a lot easier than standing up taking your wedding vows," explains Davis. "But I couldn't do this without Missy and her support. She knows its something I want to do and although I'm sure she would prefer me to spend my Saturday afternoons with her, she and my dad and uncle are my number one fans."

After succeeding at collegiate football and marriage in the same year, what kind of challenge does Davis have for himself this year? "I'd really like to be an academic All-American," says Davis, who has a 3.27 QPA in radiology.

"You know that's really something special that few people achieve and I think that would be nice. I'd also like to see us get that winning. It's tough for people, and sometimes for the younger players to understand, but we're a better team than we were last year and different parts of our game improve each week. Give a little time for the young guys to develop and you're going to have a good football team."

Mountie gridders take on Kutztown

The young Mountaineers have played a tough early schedule with their first six opponents posting a combined record of 24-7.

In their last two games the Mounties have taken on two of the PSAC's top running backs. This week they face the third one in Kutztown's Emneke Sweeney.

The Golden Bears have wins over West Virginia Wesleyan, Lock Haven, and Cheyney with losses to Shippensburg and East Stroudsburg.

Kutztown has the fifth best offense in the PSAC averaging 367

yards per game. Sweeney has been the mainstay of the Golden Bears attack by averaging 142 yards on the ground.

Freshman quarterback Robb Walters has completed 48% of his passes for 627 yards and three touchdowns. Speedster Anthony Browder leads the team with 23 catches for 318 yards and two touchdowns.

Kutztown's defense ranks fifth in the conference overall, allowing 348 yards per game, and third against the run, 123 yards per game. They have also recorded a conference best 20 sacks so far this season.

ALCOHOL & other DRUGS EDUCATION WEEK October 21-25, 1997

TUESDAY, 10/21

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| 7:00 PM | Cedercrest Rec Room- | Fatal Vision |
| 7:00 PM | Allen Lecture Hall- | LSU, MIT Can it happen at Mansfield |
| 8:00PM | Maple Conference Rm- | Fatal Vision |
| 8:00PM | Allen Lecture Hall- | Over-the-Counter Medications and Alcohol |

WEDNESDAY, 10/22

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| 7:00PM | Laurel B Lounge- | Fatal Vision |
| 7:00PM | Allen Lecture Hall- | Problem Drinker? How to Help a Friend |
| 8:00PM | Pinecrest Lobby- | Fatal Vision |
| 8:00PM | Allen Lecture Hall- | Two Views of a Date |

THURSDAY, 10/23

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| 7:30PM | Allen Lecture Hall- | Acute Alcohol Poisoning |
| 9:00PM | Zanzibar- | MTV's Singled Out |

FRIDAY, 10/24

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| 10:30PM | Recreation and Fitness Center |
| until | Late Night Activities |
| 12:30AM | basketball, racquetball, wallyball, etc. |

SATURDAY, 10/25

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| 10:00PM | Zanzibar | Dance Party |
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Special Report

Problems faced by today's college students

Lawsuit filed against drug company

Arizona Attorney General tries to legalize "Herbal Ecstasy"

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona Attorney General Grant Woods and colleagues from six other states, including Illinois, filed lawsuits Wednesday to stop sales of pills billed as a designer alternative to the illegal drug called Ecstasy.

The lawsuits allege that the "Herbal Ecstasy" tablets sold by the Global World Media Corporation in Venice Beach, Calif., are illegal because the product has not been approved as a drug by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

"We are alleging that the company, attempting to profit from the sale of this product, made statements about Herbal Ecstasy some of which could have had deadly consequences," Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan said in a statement.

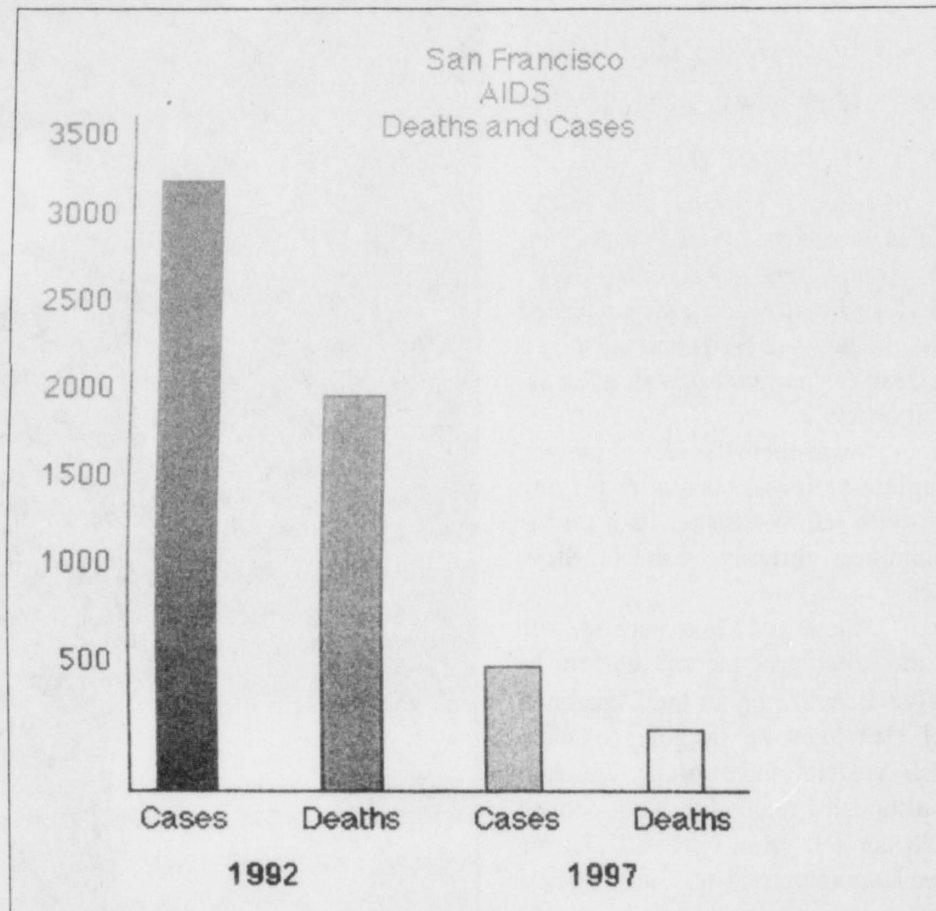
Ryan's office is joining forces with the Illinois Department of Public Health in pursuing the case. While his office is focusing on consumer fraud, Public Health is targeting the marketing of an unapproved drug.

Sean Shayan, president and founder of Global, said his product is a dietary supplement, not a drug. He said no injuries or deaths have been linked to the tablets.

The states suing are Arizona, California, Texas, Illinois, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. The lawsuits seek not only to stop sales of the product but also civil penalties, court costs and refunds for consumers who purchased it.

Herbal Ecstasy and similar brands were banned in Florida after the 1996 death of a 20-year-old New York student on spring break who took a similar product, Ultimate Xphoria.

Both contain ephedrine, found in the Asian ephedra, or Ma Huang, plant. The U.S. Food and Drug Admin-



istration classifies it as a dietary supplement.

Makers of products sold as alternatives to street drugs say ephedrine produces euphoria and increased sexual awareness. But the FDA has linked ephedrine-laced dietary supplements to at least 17 deaths and 800 illnesses, including nerve damage, strokes and heart attacks.

Besides calling Herbal Ecstasy an illegal drug, the lawsuits allege Global used false advertising, deceptive trade practices and consumer fraud in marketing the product, such as testimonials from a made-up doctor and organization.

Shayan said that all of the testimonials were real but that too many people had spoken for Herbal Ecstasy

for him to find them all now.

Shayan said that the lawsuits are part of a government conspiracy to shut down alternative medicines and that he doesn't have the resources to fight them all successfully.

"They're going to win by default, and they're going to use it as a foothold to ban and heavily regulate the rest of the industry," he said.

Shayan also said the states only sued after he turned down an offer from the Texas attorney general's office to pay \$700,000 to stave off the lawsuit.

"That's not true," said Ward Tisdale, a spokesman for the Texas attorney general's office. "There were settlement negotiations, but we always insisted on having them take the product off the market."

AIDS related deaths decline

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — New AIDS cases and deaths have declined sharply all this year, continuing a trend that began five years ago, San Francisco Health Department analysts say.

The drop in new cases and deaths is most striking among gay and bisexual white men, according to Dr. Norman Nickens, assistant director of the health department's AIDS office. For black men and injection drug users, the decreases have been less marked.

A total of 489 cases of AIDS were diagnosed in San Francisco during the first nine months of 1997, and there were 248 deaths, according to the department's latest quarterly analysis.

By contrast, during 1992, when the epidemic peaked, 3,187 cases were diagnosed, and the disease claimed 1,819 lives.

The drop in deaths has been particularly great in the past 18 months, due in large part to powerful protease inhibitor drugs became widely available in combination with one or more older anti-viral medicines.

That development has seen many severely ill patients apparently return to full health, and the AIDS virus remaining in their bodies has dropped to levels that are undetectable.

It also means, however, that more San Franciscans are now living with AIDS, which is taxing the volunteer agencies that provide such services as food, shelter and counseling.

Throughout California, AIDS cases have numbered 103,056 so far, and deaths have totaled 65,744. Federal statistics, which are less up to date, show 581,429 AIDS cases through 1996, and 362,004 deaths.

Alcohol believed to be involved in two auto accidents in Vermont

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Police say underage drinking was a factor in two accidents in the Montpelier area this weekend, one of which left three people seriously injured.

The drivers in both crashes one Friday in East Montpelier and a second early Saturday in Montpelier were cited for driving while intoxicated and possession of alcohol by a minor.

In the Montpelier accident, police say Randy Govea, 20, of Montpelier, was clocked by a Washington County deputy sheriff doing more than 80 mph as he headed south on Vermont Route 12 into Montpelier.

Route 12 turns into Elm Street as it enters the

city, and after entering a thickly settled area, Govea's 1988 Honda Prelude went out of control and hit a utility pole and a small tree.

Govea suffered a minor leg injury and didn't require immediate medical treatment, police said. But his three passengers all were hospitalized.

Jamie Hull, 19, of Barre, was in stable condition in the intensive care unit at the Central Vermont Hospital in Berlin.

Theodore Nichols, 16, of Montpelier, was listed in stable condition and Chester Pearson, 19, was in serious condition, both at the Fletcher Allen Health Care hospital in Burlington.

In the East Montpelier accident, 19-year-old

John Dubie of Burlington was heading west on U.S. Route 2 when his 1993 Subaru Justy left the north side of the road and went up a small embankment. It flipped over and slid back into the highway's eastbound lane and was hit by a 1997 Dodge van driven by William Brink, 31, of St. Johnsbury.

Police said Brink was not injured. Dubie suffered facial cuts and a possible chest injury. A passenger in his car, Margaret Lillie of Burlington, also suffered facial cuts, bruised ribs and a possible sprained foot, police said.

Both Dubie and Lillie were taken to the Central Vermont Hospital in Berlin, where they were treated. Dubie was later processed for DWI.

Calendar

Friday 17, 1997

4pm - Field hockey at home vs. Mercyhurst College.

Saturday 18, 1997

1pm - MU away football game: Mounties vs. Kutztown College. Marching band contest at Steadman Theatre.

Sunday 19, 1997

11am - Field hockey at home vs.

Longwood College.

Monday 20, 1997

Fall holiday, no classes. Alcohol and other Drugs Education Week.

Tuesday 21, 1997

3pm - Field hockey away at East Stroudsburg.

Thursday 23, 1997

3:30pm - Field hockey at home vs. Kutztown College.



The Flashlight
needs to let everyone know that there will be no issue on the week of October 31!
Thank you!

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Campus racism not black and white issue

Gene Yager
editor
Lisa Carpenter
staff reporter
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staff reporter

"On this campus there seems to be an unspoken understanding among students, a sort of imaginary line drawn."

This statement made by Junior Jessica Nard reflects a general consensus among many students and faculty at Mansfield University that race relations are faring well but a sense of self-imposed segregation exists.

Nard and others feel that race relations on campus are not as good as they could be.

"In my opinion, this unspoken understanding creates uneasiness," Nard said. "If we could approach each other with open minds and caring hearts maybe we'd all learn something and make more friends."

Michael Kittle, a sophomore, expressed a similar view.

"The more we learn to segregate, the more rational it seems," Kittle said, "Habit does not mean right, it just means habit."

Junior Daniel Eskesen reaffirmed the belief that a problem with racial separation by choice may exist in saying, "There are a lot of clicks, but I wouldn't exactly call it segregation."

Annie Cooper, director of multicultural affairs and international student services has set up two ways for

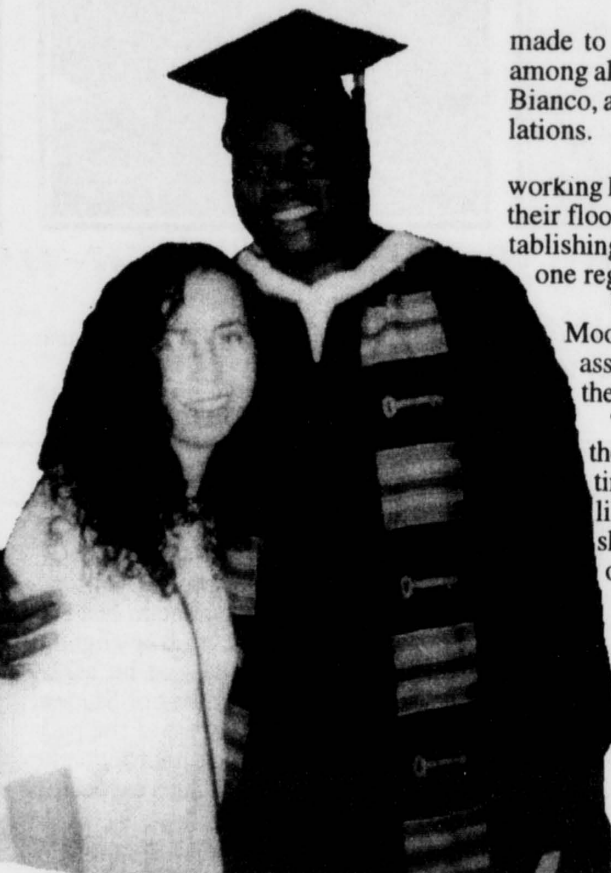


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Pictured above are Rich Newton, and Marla Bastone, friends

made to help create a feeling of unity among all students according to Carmen Bianco, associate director of housing relations.

"The resident assistants are working hard developing community on their floors," Bianco said. "They are establishing general programs for everyone regardless of race."

University Provost Joseph Moore would like to see students associate with each other despite their diverse origins.

"I think we need to challenge the comfort we find in spending time with people who seem to be like us," Moore said. "Students should be using the most of their opportunities while they are here to develop friendships with students of different backgrounds."

The idea that there are improvements to be made was prevalent in many voiced concerns.

University President Rod Kelchner expressed his view of the topic saying, "There is always room for a lot of improvement."

According to Cooper, race relations have not improved much in the last few years.

"I don't think they (race relations) are much different than they have been in past years. It hasn't shown any real progress as far as improvements."

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Rec Center increases hours of operation

New facility to host drug and alcohol awareness program this Friday

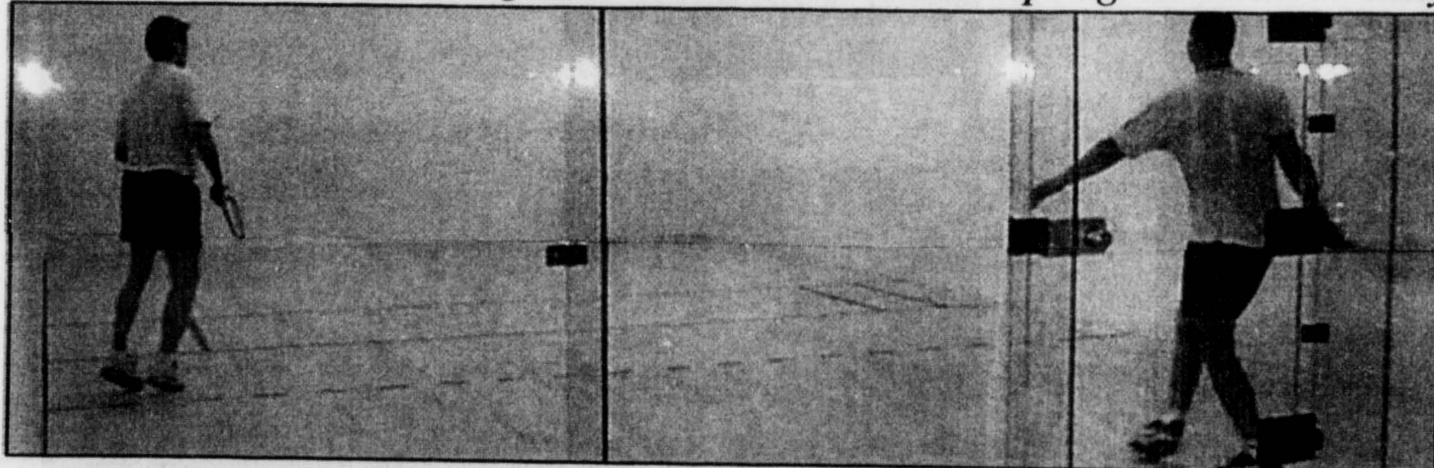


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The new fitness and recreation center will have extended hours this Friday for Drug and Alcohol Education Week.

Bryan Murphy
staff reporter

The new Fitness and Recreation Center is going to be hosting a Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week program on Friday, October 24, starting at 10:30 pm.

The event will run until 12:30 am and will feature basketball, volleyball, walleyball, and racquetball tournaments.

According to Bill Koepke, one of the organizers of the event, "The program is meant to draw people away from drinking."

Everyone, including individuals and teams, are welcome to attend.

Everyone involved is hoping for good attendance. "I hope this Friday is a tremendous success," Hugh Schintzius, Director of Recreational Sports said.

According to a worker at the Fitness Center, Friday nights usually have very low attendance.

When asked what makes this Friday night different

from others, Schintzius replied, "Not much, but because it is part of a week of activities it may go. I hope there are 300 or 400 people in here."

However, Schintzius would like to see more people in the Fitness Center everyday.

"I'm disappointed [in attendance]. I'd like to see everybody in here," said Schintzius.

The average attendance of the Fitness center is 200 to 300 people per day Mondays through Thursdays, and 100 to 200 people per day Fridays through Sundays.

Schintzius attributes the lower weekend attendance to the fact that a lot of students go home on the weekends.

Since the beginning of the semester, attendance at the Fitness Center has gone down, but Schintzius says that the number of actual users have remained the same.

Schintzius attributes the first few weeks attendance numbers to "Lookers," people who came into the building to

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Seventy year old bench destroyed by vandals

Krissy Dennis
features editor

A long standing university landmark was destroyed on Wednesday October 15. The marble bench, which was situated between North Hall and Memorial Hall was a gift from one of the first fraternities on campus.

"The Delphic bench is reminiscence of a fraternity on campus," said Mansfield university President Rod Kelchner.

The bench, which has been a part of the campus since the early 1920's, was given as a gift from a Delphic fraternity in response to all fraternal organizations being banned from the campus.

"The president believed they (fraternities) were elitist and that particular president was egalitarian," said Kelchner.

According to Kelchner, there were about 5-10 fraternal organizations on campus at that time, but the Delphi were the only ones to respond to the decision.

"I'm told that most fraternal organizations did not protest the ruling, however the Delphic group decided they would not leave quietly," Kelchner said.

The original bench, which was situated where Memorial Hall now stands, eventually rotted and was replaced, Kelchner said. The substitute bench was made by local leather worker Harold Strait.

"It was a gift to university from a representative from the fraternity," Kelchner said. "I knew Harold Strait well and I knew how important it was to replace it so I helped him".

The commemorative marble bench is one of many milestones on campus such as North Hall and the silver bell located outside Memorial Hall, Kelchner said.

"There are not many things like that on campus as far as the history of the school," Kelchner said.

Kelchner's first reaction to the destruction of the bench was anger.

"I worked to get the bench restored," Kelchner said. "I had a role in getting the bench there".

For the most part Kelchner feels that MU students have always treated the school with respect and he hesitates to blame them.

"We don't have destruction of things like that on campus," Kelchner said. "our students have treated campus symbols with respect."

Christine Shegan, Director of Police Services and Safety, is appealing to the campus for any information pertaining to the incident.

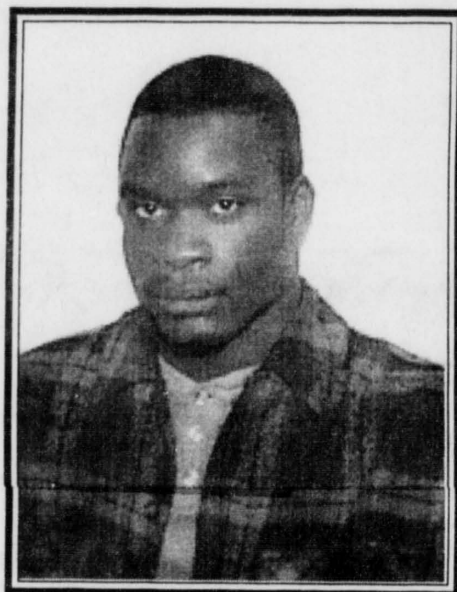
"We have some theories, but we just don't know," Shegan said. "We would like community help on it."

It is unclear whether or not the bench will be able to be repaired. It is currently in a marble works store in Troy, Pennsylvania.

Campus Voices

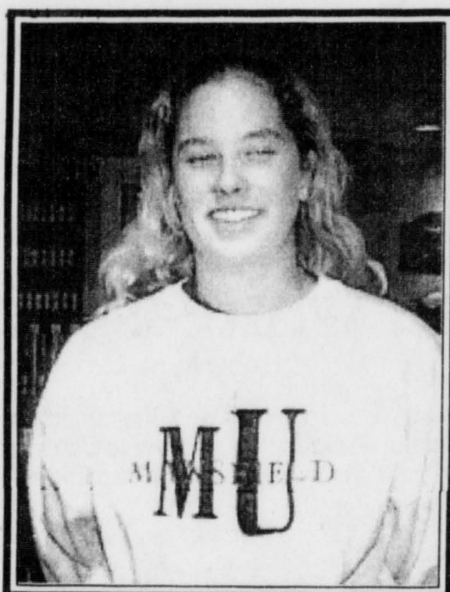
"Were you inconvenienced by the lack of food service over the weekend?"

by Megan Sallade



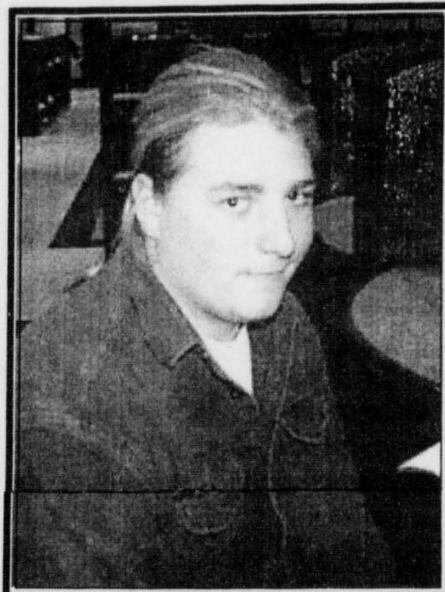
Godfrey Wilson
Sophomore

"Yeah, it was awful. We had to eat off campus and I wasted a lot of money."



Adrianna Blash
Sophomore

"Yes, I did. A provision should be made for students that live too far away to go home for the weekend"



Lucas Black
Freshman

"It was a problem because I had to use my flex"



Chadd Lankford
Freshman

"I personally think it is a misjustice to the students who weren't able to go home for the weekend"

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Acting Vice President of Student Affairs Michael Lemasters disagrees.

"Fifteen years ago there weren't more than two or three (African American) families living in this community," Lemasters said. "Fifteen years ago people would change rooms because of race on both ends of race."

The campus race relations issue is being considered by university administration and is the focus of many improvement efforts currently being

made.

"If I were to improve race relations," Kelchner said, "I'd advocate for more interaction among all of us, especially racial groups."

According to Kelchner, race relations at Mansfield University are comparably better than those at other universities.

"I think, and continue to think that although never as strong and positive as they should be, our campus has a better racial climate than other campus," Kelchner said.

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look around, but didn't really use it.

He said that since the new cardiovascular equipment came in last Friday that attendance has been up slightly.

Schintzius said that he asked Mr. Maresco, Vice President of Student Affairs, for some of the rest of the budget for the Fitness Center to order some more cardiovascular machine, especially treadmills.

After the money is released, it will take about 2 to 3 months for the machines to come in because of the bidding process and the time to make the machines.

Schintzius says that generally the busiest time for the Fitness Center is between 3:00 pm and 9:30 pm

Schintzius said that he got "A pleasant surprise" from the 9:00 pm

aerobics class.

Generally, they have anywhere from 20 to 30 people in the class, with sometimes more — they have only 35 steppers.

Since the popularity of the late class, which has never been tried before due to limitations in facilities, Schintzius is thinking of adding another class at 8:00 pm to offset the 9:00 pm class.

According to Schintzius, there are about 2000 "Practical users" of the Fitness Center.

By "Practical users," he means students that live on or near the campus, so they have easy access to the facility.

Of the 2000 practical users, just over 1400 have actually entered the building.

Schintzius is happy that about two-thirds of the practical users have been there, but, "I want to see everyone in here everyday."

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Fall break students hunger for cafeteria

Students campus-bound during fall break pay extra for meal plan or choose take-out

Thomas A. Jones
wire editor

This past weekend, as part of Fall break, students remaining on campus were without a meal as part of their meal plan contract with Mansfield University and with Aramark.

Students were forced to pay either cash or flex to use the main dining area, which was opened primarily for athletic groups, band groups and Resident Assistants that stayed on campus, according to Michael Lemasters, Director of Residence Life.

"The cafeteria was open," said Lemasters. "Students had to pay flex

or cash."

"A schedule for meal service is made," said Kevin McGuire of Manser Dining. "That calendar is given to us by the University."

According to McGuire, Manser Dining then uses the calendar provided by the University to plan their food service for each school year.

"They give us a feeding calendar for the entire year. Band groups, athletics, and RA's that will require meals submit requests," McGuire said.

"A lot of students were remarking that this shutdown was a little bit of an inconvenience," said McGuire.

McGuire said that certain groups had meals prepared in Manser

Dining Hall over the weekend and the fall break holiday, Saturday the 18th, Sunday the 19th and Monday the 20th.

"Meals were requested by Athletics and Lemasters for RA's on campus," McGuire said.

The groups paid for their food service though, according to McGuire. The money was not taken from a University general fund, or paid for by the students at large.

"They were billed through the University," McGuire said.

Lemasters suggested that the decision to offer students remaining on campus food service has to be weighed with the increase in costs that all students will accrue.

"Do we want to raise everyone's board costs, for something that will be participated in by 10-15% of the students?" asked Lemasters.

Student reactions were mixed, and ranged from apathetic to disgusted.

"I went home because it was fall break," said Bryan Bauschard, a freshman Fisheries major. "I think the excellent Manser Food Service should have been available this weekend though."

Junior Daisuke Fukasaku, a junior Music major, said "I went to Chinese take out."

"I'd rather be in a restaurant where they serve real food," said Fukasaku.

University's new withdrawal period ends today for students

Josh Cusatis
news editor

Today ends the withdrawal period in which students can drop out of a course without being penalized.

According to Dr. Joseph Moore, Mansfield University provost, this date was set last semester when the withdrawal period.

"We had a committee of faculty and students to determine when to set the last day of the period," Moore said. "We decided to make it the Friday after the mid-semester break."

Moore said that this date was not the first choice that the committee made.

"Initially, we wanted to make it the Friday before break," Moore said. "But this way it's a little more than half way through the semester."

Moore said that this date is the most advantageous for both students and faculty.

"Some schools set the end of their withdrawal period within the first 4 or 5 weeks and some have it towards the end of the semester," Moore said. "There are advantages and disadvantages to both of these methods."

According to Moore, the advantages to ending the withdrawal period at this point in the semester outweigh the disadvantages.

"This forces students to make more educated choices about their college career," Moore said. "Some students withdraw from so many classes without thinking and in four years they're finding that they won't graduate for another year. Hopefully, this will cut down on that problem."

Moore said that there are also other advantages.

"Taking a class for an entire se-

mester only to drop out is a huge waste of time," Moore said. "It doesn't advantage students in any way to pay for a full semester and not get a grade."

According to Rod Kelchner, MU president, there are arguments to support both lengths of the withdrawal period.

"We've tried it both ways and there are arguments for both sides," Kelchner said. "The argument for having it at the end of the semester is that students are paying for the class and are allowed to do with their money what they will. Many feel that it's their business and not the administration's."

Kelchner said that he can see the other side also.

"Having the withdrawal period that long doesn't foster responsible decision making on the part of students," Kelchner said. "At the same time, professors are obligated to give sufficient measurements about the student's grade

to make an educated choice."

According to Kelchner, the are currently no plans to change the length of the withdrawal period again.

"Nothing has come across my desk," Kelchner said. "If there is something out there then it isn't official."

According to Cindy Glover, an MU sophomore, this system for the withdrawal period seems to work quite well.

"I like the withdrawal period the way it is," Glover said.

According to Wilbur McCarty, an MU senior, there are still improvements that could be made to the policy.

"I think that students in 300 and 400 level classes should get a grade," McCarty said. "There should also be no satisfactory or unsatisfactory. Students should be able to know exactly what their grade is. I also think that the withdrawal period should end 2 weeks after the mid-semester break. That would be satisfactory."

Police Beat

10/21/97

19:00 Open Memorial Hall for Campus Ministry.

18:50 Dispatch to Allen Hall, assist with Lecture Hall for Residence Life.

19:00 DUI awareness-Cedarcrest and Maple Residence Halls.

19:30 Officer walk through Residence Hall, walked through Maple B 4th floor area. Spoke with several residents, all appeared quiet.

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06:30 Transported Car #3 to Brooks for service.

08:00 Transported Car #1 to Chamberlain's for brake service.

09:00 Request to have the parking spaces on Pinecrest Drive counted in preparation for Saturday's Alumni Development Dinner.

09:35 10-31's Revenue, CCSI, Book Store, Dining Hall.

09:45 Discussing our needs for barricades and traffic cones for the weekend. Blocked off Pinecrest Drive, Alumni Lot, and the cut out at North Dining.

10:15 10-28's request for 3 10-28's from Tioga County needed to

clear up some tickets.

10:35 Request to pick up the patrol car from Chamberlain's.

14:12 Theft of black leather jacket stolen from 213 South Hall.

15:08 Open Main doors to Old Rec. Center for Theatre personnel.

15:18 Program for off-Campus Students by Director.

15:30 Spoke for Flashlight Staff re: on-going assistant.

19:00 Community service - awareness of DUI

19:00 Walk through Maple Residence Hall, spoke with several students.

19:41 Walk through Hemlock speaking with student.

20:10 Open Zanzibar for S.G.A.

20:20 Locked Field House gates found open.

21:10 Student complaining of stomach pains, transported to SSMH by Mansfield Ambulance.

21:22 Officer locked Allen Hall lecture room, doors propped open.

00:23 Transported two students from East Lot to Laurel.

01:00 Light survey on Turkey Path.

01:45 Transported three students from East Lot to Cedarcrest.

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Special Report

The State of Homeschooling in America

Grassroots movement to teach children at home grows

SACRAMENTO (AP) — As politicians and pedagogues clamor for smaller class sizes and more parent involvement in schools, thousands of California families are quietly taking that advice to heart.

They're teaching their children at home.

In a growing grassroots movement aided by the Internet and hundreds of support groups, children in an estimated 150,000 California families have "dropped out" in order to learn at home.

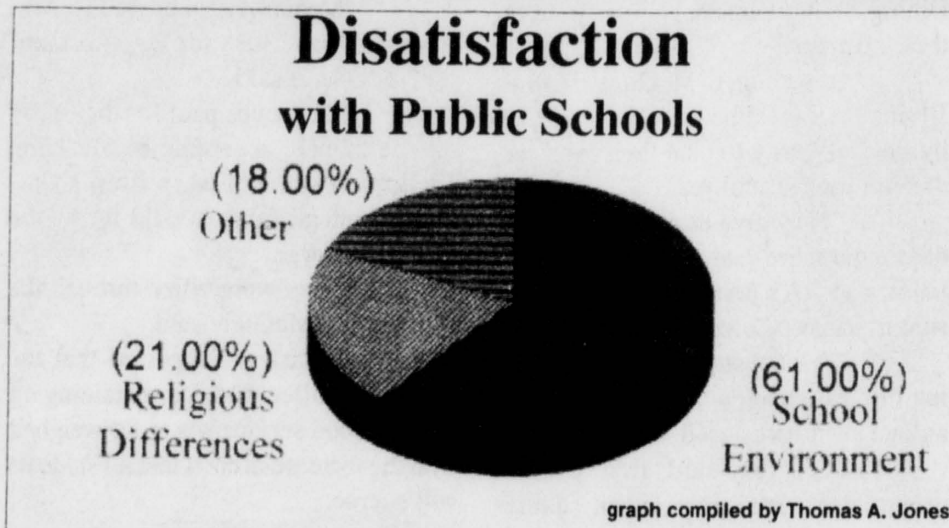
Some are fleeing a perceived lack of discipline and academic rigor in public schools. Others believe schools' uniform standards and curricula will stifle their

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children's desire to learn. Advocates claim home schooling teaches children to take responsibility for their own learning, and prepares them better than schools with "real world" skills such as interacting with all age groups and managing households and finances.

Home-schooled children learn at their kitchen tables or computer screens, at public libraries, on field trips with parents, at 4-H meetings, community centers or in living rooms with other home schoolers. Parents are their primary



teachers.

Critics say these children are deprived of the type of daily peer interaction that hones social skills, and say academic achievement of home schoolers can be spotty or worse, depending on parents' skills and dedication.

Oregon insurance salesman Michael Shearer says his own home-schooling experience was so isolating and psychologically harmful he has established a Web site to warn of the harm he believes is being done by well-meaning parents in the homeschool movement.

But dozens of interviews with home schooling families and college admissions counselors indicate most home-schoolers are no more isolated or maladjusted than their traditionally schooled peers.

"These families form networks" and meet others through community activities, says Mary Anne Pitman, an associate professor of education at the University of Cincinnati who has done anthropological studies of home schooling families. "The few psychometric tests that have been done show these kids are nor-

mal in every respect."

Once embraced mainly by the religious right and New Agers, home schooling is rapidly moving into the mainstream, as parents seek educational alternatives for bored, threatened, over-programmed, struggling or under-challenged students.

Nationwide, estimates of home schoolers range from the U.S. Department of Education's conservative half-million to the 1.23 million claimed by the National Home Education Research Institute in Salem, Ore. The institute claims a 250 percent growth in home schooling since 1990.

California home school organizations also claim rapid growth. The state Department of Education can't confirm any numbers, however, because it considers home schooling by parents without teaching credentials to be illegal.

Under California's compulsory education code, unless a child between the ages of 6 and 18 is instructed in a private, full-time day school or tutored by a credentialed teacher, "the child is tru-

ant, unless he or she has a high school diploma," according to Carolyn Pirillo, deputy general counsel for the department.

"The courts have decided that a non-credentialed parent teaching his or her own child does not come within the definition of private school as used in statute," Pirillo explains. Parents, however well-intentioned, can't be expected to be uniformly qualified to teach children from kindergarten through high school, she argues.

"There has to be some standard," Pirillo says, "and in California, that is a teaching credential."

Many parents who home school say their role is one of facilitator and resource person rather than teacher. Advocates of this "unschooling" approach say children learn best when they are allowed to pursue their own interests at their own pace, with a parent providing encouragement, supplies and resources outside the home.

"Learning is something children just do naturally," says Mary Griffith, author of *The Homeschooling Handbook* and

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Carolyn Pirillo
deputy general counsel

mother of two children schooled at home. "It's not something you plug into them."

More parental control possible over child's education



Homeschool Cybernews Photo
Jessica Hulcy, *Practical Homeschooling* columnist, is one of many individuals catering to the growing number of homeschooled students

SACRAMENTO (AP) — At Cameron and Rachel Brinitzer's school, the teacher-student ratio is 1:2, and parent involvement is 100 percent.

There is no tuition, but students Cameron, 9, and Rachel, 5, have time and supplies for art, music, drama classes, hours-long science projects and overnight field trips.

Learning begins each morning with math lessons at the kitchen table and piano practice in the living room of the Brinitzers' spacious ranch home in Folsom, Calif.

The Brinitzers are part of a growing grassroots movement of families opting

out of traditional schools to teach their children at home. It is a movement almost impossible to profile, because the people who choose to home school, the number of years they stick with it, and their beliefs about education vary widely.

In Stanislaus County, more than 1,000 elementary school-aged children and 150 high schoolers study at home through charter schools for home schoolers, says Marty Fauria, director of Oakdale School District's charter high school for home schoolers.

"Children are home-schooled for reasons all over the map," says Fauria, "ranging from parents or children who are ill and homebound, to sons and daughters of college professors who have unusual resources at their command, to people who do so for religious reasons, or because their kid is on probation or simply because they know their child can do better and it's just not happening at school."

Some home schooling parents in San Luis Obispo cited political reasons ranging from ultra conservative to "self-proclaimed left-wing liberal," adds independent home study director Rich Crawford.

In Jenny and Marc Brinitzer's case, the choice to home school grew from a typical dilemma of parents whose children are born late in the year.

When it came time for kindergarten, Cameron's parents were faced with putting him in a class with mostly older chil-

dren, or holding him back a year, even though he could already read. So she began teaching Cameron, then Rachel, at home, using ideas from several different curricula available for home schoolers.

"I really enjoy the autonomy," Jenny Brinitzer says, "and I have rigorous standards for my kids."

She has neither teaching credential nor college degree, but Brinitzer says her children are thriving academically on a program geared to their own passions for learning. Cameron reads voraciously, and Rachel is artistic and creative, she says.

An interest in raptors, in Cameron's case, led to a trip to the University of California, Davis Raptor Center, where

he spent hours talking with experts on the mammal-eating birds. Then he built a barn owl house that won first place at the State Fair.

California history lessons included making a Kit Carson outfit out of leather bought at thrift shops, spending a day and night acting the part at Sutter's Fort, and digging for artifacts in the Gold Country.

"My most important focus is to teach these kids how to figure things out for themselves," their mother says.

Neighbor Paul Harrington, a general contractor, decided to pull 10-year-old Paul, Jr. out of school after the second grade.

"He was coming home with a lot of stuff he didn't need," he said.

Homeschool on the Internet

The following web addresses are sites specifically geared toward homeschooling and homeschooled students. The internet is fast becoming a valuable resource for homeschooled students to expand their horizons.

Cuisenaire Learning Place:
www.cuisenaire.com/

Clonlara School Home Based Education Program: www.grfn.org/education/clonlara/

National Academy for Child Development: www.nacd.org/

Homespun Web of the Home Educational Resources: www.icttheweb.com/hs-web/

France and Associates Home Page: www.dimensional.com/~janf/

Home Education Resources Center: www.cts.com/~netsales/herc/

United States Air Force Academy- Information for Homeschoolers: www.usafa.af.mil/rr/hs.htm

Huitt Page: www.valdosta.peachnet.edu/~whuitt/

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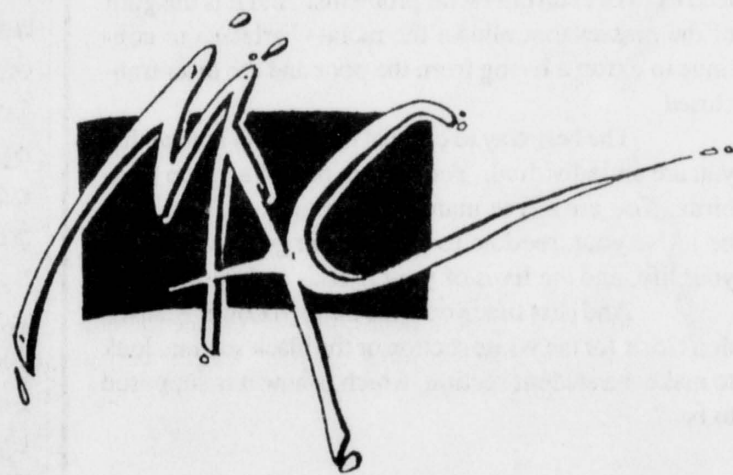
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We're all students, not colors

While race relations on campus have come a long way, we at the Flashlight believe that there is still much to be done in order to live in peace and harmony.

Take one small example: walk through Lower Manser on any given weekday during the lunch hour. Notice who is sitting with who and who is sitting where. You will notice that there is a self-imposed segregation between people of different races.

Now it is true that this does not apply to all people. There is integration happening. However, for the most part, this segregation makes up the majority of the relations between races at Mansfield University.

We at the Flashlight don't claim to be perfect with regard to race relations, we don't believe that anyone raised in a society dedicated to self-aggrandized pity and self-righteous anger can make that claim. We do however claim to not be a part of this self-imposed segregation. We are actively trying to solve the problem. We have thought of a couple of different things that we all could do to help improve race relations at MU.

Most importantly, and this goes for everyone, don't look for hints of racism in everything you see. We would be willing to bet that some of the time people find racism in something when it really isn't there. What this comes down to is that people can find just about anything in something if they really want it to be there. Calling someone a racist is not something that should be thrown around lightly. It is just as serious as calling someone a rapist. We all know what that can do to a person when that person is not a rapist.

Next, there is the President's Advisory Board on Diversity. Who knows about this organization? Common sense tells us that if they were doing their job as well as they should be, more people would know that they exist. The purpose of the Board should be to foster common bonds between the races, not concentrate so intently on our differences so that our similarities are lost in the mix.

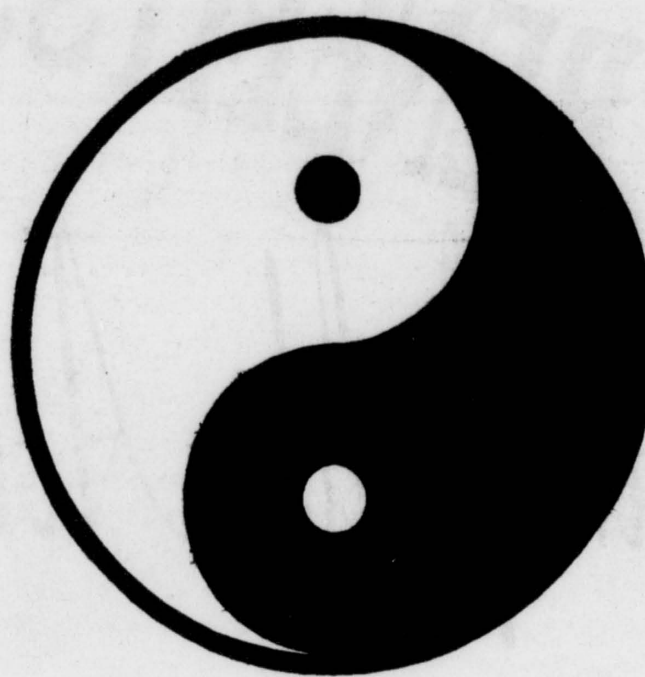
It is certainly easy to sit back, hidden in the relatively secluded Endless Mountains and discuss the problem that has plagued our nation from its inception. Our forefathers struggled with the ideas of equality and were unfortunately too weak from an ugly war to do what they knew was right. It took another war, the bloodiest in our nation's history, to even begin to change the attitudes of people toward each other. And from the bloody fights of the past we are thrust into a society that has thrown the sins of the father on its back.

The tempest brewing in the minds of every victim on every college campus across the nation are the real causes of racism. It's not the freethinking individuals that refuse to accept the latest victim oriented political dogma who are the root cause of racism.

It is the individual philosophy of instant gratification and a distorted sense of victimization that have lead us to our current racial problems. And it is the guilt of the masses that allows the racial charlatans to continue to extort a living from the poor and the disenfranchised.

The best way to combat racism is to realize that you are an individual. You are not part of a group from birth. You are a free man (or woman as the case may be.) Use your freedom to pursue your goals and enrich your life, and the lives of your friends and family.

And next time you walk through Lower Manser, don't look for the white section or the black section, look to make it a student section, which is how it is supposed to be.

**Student finds validity for existence of Greek system**

To the Editor:

All too often, we see the negative side to Greek life. The media is quick to report it and the public frequently believes it. Believe me, I know. At one time, I was one of those people. I always said, "Greek life just isn't for me." I believed all the stories without really giving the Greek community a chance. In short, I never knew what I was missing.

After getting to know the sisters of some of the sororities on campus, I decided to pledge a sorority. Before coming to this decision, I had to ask myself a few questions. Why go Greek? What do they have to offer me? What does it all mean? As I pledged and became

initiated, I began to realize that being a part of a sorority is a very special experience. To those outside our circle, it may sometimes seem that we are just a group of girls banded together to have a good time but, day to day we began to feel that we are doing more than gaining friends, we are being a friend. Our aim is to be a sister to each other in gladness and sorrow—to help and comfort one another wherever we may be.

It's not the obvious things like sorority pins and letters that make our sisterhood special. What makes being a part of a sorority meaningful to me is the lasting friendships, learning to work on responsibility.

As a sister in a sorority, I challenge those of you who are independent to keep an open mind about Greek life. You may not know what you are missing. The sororities on this campus have rush parties during the semester. The next time you see a poster announcing one of these parties, don't just walk by without giving it another thought. Go. See what we're all about. You just might find you have a lot more in common with us than you think.

Brandi A. Duso
Delta Zeta,
Iota Theta Chapter

Commentary Policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary may turn it in to the Flashlight office by 5 PM. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writers name, major, class, and phone number. Nonstudents are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

Letters to the Editor Policy

The Flashlight is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The Flashlight reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the Flashlight office, 217 Memorial Hall, Monday through Friday, or mailed to the above address.

Commentary

The world of Hanna-Barbera invades Mansfield University

by Darren Meehan
managing editor

Note: Last week's commentary, "The Punk Police", had nothing to do with the campus police or any other law enforcement organization.

I guess last week's commentary kind of bothered some people and I assume they're expecting me to retract what I said, so here goes: I'm NOT sorry for what I wrote. I'm NOT sorry for my opinion or how other people like it. In fact, this past week has shown me once again that some of the people running the show around here *really* don't have enough to do. If certain members of the administration don't like what I think, oh well. I have received support and compliments from students and they are the ones that matter. This newspaper is for the students, by the students and, most importantly, run independently of the university.

So, when I found out this week that four members of the administration and faculty were scheduling a meeting to discuss the *Flashlight*, I became curious. Actually, I got more than curious. I started getting pissed off. I was pissed off that these people were meeting without even giving us the AMERICAN privilege of defending ourselves. Who the hell do they think they are to take away our right to face our accusers? Suddenly, these four became judge, jury and executioner.

If they don't want to meet us face-to-face and discuss this situation within their forum, on their turf, then I would use my space in this paper and defend our organization right here.

And once I realized that they were being sneaky, I started feeling pretty bad for them. I felt bad they're so pathetic as to find it necessary to sneak around and schedule secret meetings behind the backs of the students. That's really pathetic. It's almost as

pathetic as the fact that these four can't even schedule a meeting without us finding out about it. Hey, I'm not trying to imply that no one can keep a secret from us, because they can. But some of their problems stem from the fact that some, but not all, of the professors at MU are being paid to teach in a major they are not nearly qualified for. Not all, but a couple. There are many more good than bad, but there *are* bad.

Let me put this into perspective: Think of Mansfield University as the Justice League of America. Heading the MUJLA is Rod-Man (not Dennis but every bit 'da man). His super powers include knowing what students want and understanding that students are people, too. By day he is Rod Kelchner, the respected and dedicated President of Mansfield University and, when he transforms into his alter-ego, Rod-Man, his greatest strength comes in the fact that he can use his superpowers to make the students of MU feel safe and satisfied.

"They're sending in Bizarro to screw everything up soon."

And then there's the Injustice League of Superworthless Super heroes. They live in a big, black office that looks like a big, black skull and spend their days coming up with plans to make the students miserable. But, it seems, every week Rod-Man and his allies find themselves in the middle of another plot devised by someone with a mental capacity smaller than their daily work schedules. And, like Lex Luthor and Solomon Grundy, they fail every week.

One week it was censoring the "Quote Board", the next it was "secretly meeting." My own theory: They're sending in Bizarro to screw everything up soon and make us wish we were in the shoe's of one of Me-

tropolis' citizens. That would be at about their pace. Anything more complicated and they'd have to hire someone else to do the thinking for them.

Lately, though, Rod-Man has been left to his work while the Injustice League of Super-worthless Super heroes plots against the *Flashlight*. I guess they

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assume we're like the Wonder twins, Zan and Jayna and Gleek, their monkey, but we're not. If anything, they would be more like Mister Mxyzptlk (this is the correct spelling), the tiny leprechaun who failed when he sent the Super Friends to Oz. Like Mxyzptlk, the Injustice League of Superworthless Super heroes couldn't do something worthwhile on campus if they tried.

Why don't they figure out why students can't get health care on weekends when all the pamphlets this school distributes at orientation say that health care is available 24 hours a day. And why can't they keep policies constant so students don't have to run all over the place asking when they can withdraw (today, Friday, October 24, 1997 is the last day to withdraw). Professors don't run all over the place asking when students can take a test, why don't students get the same respect?

Maybe Rod-Man needs to call in Batman. He's good at handling jokers. But the students of MU need to worry. Rod-Man is gone soon. Hmmm...Maybe the mice, or rat bastards if the shoe fits, are just waiting until the cat goes away so they can play.

Defense of last week's editorial cartoon

by Cindy Albano
staff member

It has been brought to my attention that some students feel my editorial cartoon from the week of October 17 was a glorification of rape. I was extremely shocked when I heard that some people actually thought this is what my cartoon was about. This cannot be any further from the truth.

As a victim of sexual assault, I would never, EVER make fun of someone being raped. I know the pain that the victims of sexual assault go through. To this day, I still suffer the effects of what happened to me over five years ago. Since this incident, I have gained a lot of weight to "protect" me from men. I have suffered both the physical and psychological effects of being assaulted. The fact that someone would even *think* that I would make fun of rape really upsets me. I would be the *last* person to make light of this situation.

Rape is not a subject which *anyone* at this newspaper would ever joke about. Sexual assault is definitely not a laughing matter and nobody at the *Flashlight* thinks that it is.

"Young women (and men) need to learn to take responsibility for their actions."

The editorial cartoon that I drew last week was not to show the after effects of a rape. The whole purpose was to show that drinking, especially binge drinking, can cause you to make some irrational decisions. These decisions may prove to be disastrous, but if you make the choice to binge drink, you

have to live with the consequences of your decision. Young women (and men) need to learn to take responsibility for their actions.

Imagine the following situation. A pretty young woman approaches a handsome young man who had been binge drinking at a party. They start to talk and she makes it very clear that she would like to sleep with him. He is extremely drunk and the two of them end up having sex. The following morning

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he can't remember exactly what happened the night before. He has a girlfriend back home and doesn't know how he ended up in bed with this girl, a complete stranger. If this situation were true, would *she* be accused of raping him? I think not.

Women are not helpless victims, although some people would like us to believe we are. We cannot give up taking responsibility for our own actions. If you, as a young woman, go to a party and intend to get totally smashed, please do not play the innocent little victim if you agree to sleep with someone and then regret it the next morning. If you don't want to lose control over your actions, then please do not drink or do drugs which may cause that to happen.

The next time you are at a party and you're downing those yummy little jello-shots, please remember this: *You* are the only one who is responsible for the choices you make in your life.

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Here is a spooky story for the kids Cause the kids love the ghost stories, they really do!

by Darren A. Meehan
bump-in-the-night editor

Zach Crawford had problems. He saw what wasn't there and didn't see what was. It was seeing what wasn't there that killed him.

Zach moved into his apartment seven months ago. After three years living on campus, he felt confident enough to live alone. The first day he moved in, Zach unlocked the door and took his two suitcases into his bedroom and opened a beer. When he turned around, the two blue suede cases were two and a half feet apart. He sat them side-by-side; he knew it.

His heart chilled then stopped for a moment as the screams poured through the walls. They weren't loud, but they were audible.

"Is this place haunted too," he thought as he leaned back against the wall. After the seven hour drive he endured alone, he was tired and, perhaps, he was imagining the moved suitcases. Five hours later, he awoke to find himself in the middle of the room almost drowning in the sweat dripping off his body.

He was no longer leaning against the wall. As he wiped the drool around his mouth he assessed his situation and realized that he moved more than six feet from the wall.

His heart raced and again the screams returned, only they were louder.

Through the next seven months, Zach saw many things which he could only attribute to ghosts. The shaking bulb against the wall. The bathroom door that shut by itself slowly. The crawling in the walls. It was haunted, he knew it.

Not long after he moved in he went to the library and researched his new home but nothing seemed out of the ordinary. No one died in the three year-old house. In fact, there were no records of anyone dying within the town's boundaries.

When he walked up the stairs and into his apartment on the second floor, he saw shadows that moved in the light under the door in the dark hallway.

He hesitated and stopped dead in his tracks, as he flicked on the light switch, the bulb exploded.

The day after the explosion, five months after he moved in, he went to see a local psychic. Although she couldn't help him, she gave him the number of a psychic in the area who specialized in ghosts. He looked at the name written in black marker on the wrinkled white paper: Casper Specter. Zach wasn't sure if this name was creative or tacky but he didn't wait to go home before he called this "professional".

"Mr. Specter," Zach asked from a pay phone on the way home. He explained his situation and convinced the man that it was urgent.

"I'll be there tomorrow at nine a.m.," Specter said.



Although nervous about returning to the haunted apartment, Zach slept comfortably until 8:45 when he saw a shadow outside his window. He tried to ignore it and made some coffee in anticipation of his visitor. Within minutes, Specter arrived at the door and apologized for being early before he slowly walked through the apartment and felt the walls and examined the aura.

"Mr. Crawford, I don't want to say that you don't have a ghost, but I can't sense it's presence. There is something in the air, but it isn't anything considerable," he said.

"You might do yourself some good relaxing," Specter recommended. "You know, if you think too hard about something, it might come true."

"Up yours, you friggin' lame-ass," Zach thought as he closed the door behind the fake psycho. When the door was closed and Zach entered the kitchen after walking through the television

room his blood pressure raised as he thought about the money he lost to that quack. He put a pop-tart in the toaster and walked away to get himself a glass of milk. Within seconds, smoke billowed out of the silver toaster and headed towards the smoke alarm, which had already begun beeping from the thick, choking smoke. He had to find someone who could help him.

In February, six months after he moved in and the semester after he got his first C-, Zach was tired. Everyone he talked to said he was paranoid. The only person who had any impact on him was the blonde who had come over to borrow some sugar. He'd like to have something sweet of hers, he thought, but didn't dare say that. These were the nineties and besides, it was just plain crude and this girl, Wendy, had class it seemed. But it wasn't her looks he remembered, it was what she said. In the ten minutes he talked to her, she told him of a woman who drove herself mad with imagined hauntings.

"Legend has it that this woman wasn't haunted at first. But soon, she convinced herself she had a ghost in her presence eventually she did," she said.

His looked to the ground as his heart skipped a beat and he swallowed the lump in his throat. "How did she get rid of it?"

"Well," she hesitated, "from what I was told, she had to convince herself that it wasn't there. But, I mean..."

"What," he asked as she turned to walk away.

"I don't know...I mean... how do you convince yourself something doesn't exist when you can see it and watch it move," she asked as she turned and walked down the stairs. "It's gotta be hard to convince yourself reality doesn't exist."

Later that night, Zach looked out his window and into Wendy's curtained window. Between the blinds he saw a man. Must be her boyfriend, he thought. But when the man began strangling her he knew it couldn't be. The room across the lawn was dark but she was definitely being choked. Zach ran down the stairs and over to her door. He banged on the door and kicked but no one answered. The door was so thick and locked so well that he couldn't have broken it down so he ran back to his house and called the police. When the operator answered, Zach looked on his carpet as the blood rushed to his head.

"I'm here, love Zak," the powder spelled.

As soon as he finished reading the message, he heard a crash and looked out his window. Wendy's bloody, lifeless body was broken around the glass that was scattered between the blood.

"Mr. Crawford, I'm Jack O'Grady," the gray haired officer said.

In the next hour O'Grady wrote down everything Zach said. He told him about the new girl and the sugar and the man in the window.

"Let me get this straight: You

met her minutes before she died. She borrowed sugar. She left and then you saw her being strangled minutes later in a room that was too dark to identify the assailant," he read.

"Mr. Crawford, you also said that you tried to break in but couldn't. Do you have a key to her apartment?"

"No, I don't. Can we go inside? It is the middle winter," he added. As Zach walked up the stairs a few feet in front of the cop, he heard the cop's walkie-talkie roar. But he didn't hear much after because the screaming started.

"You want some coffee," Zach asked while he poured water into the coffee pot.

"No than-," O'Grady stopped when he heard the pot crash to the floor. He noticed Zach staring at the wall at a key chain.

Zach's face went pale as he looked at the key on the plastic "Zak" key chain nailed to the door.

"Mr. Crawford, is there something wrong with that key? Is it yours," he asked.

"Uh, no...no, it isn't. I don't know where it came from. Do you want it," he asked.

"Yes, I think I might need it," O'Grady said suspiciously as he reached out his hand, took the key.

That night, Zach waited for someone, anyone, to call. When someone began slamming on the door he jumped. His excitement escalated as he rounded the corner and looked into his own eyes.

His heart sank and the ghost of himself disappeared.

Throughout the night, he tried to sleep many times but couldn't bring himself to close his eyes. Every time they closed, he heard his own footsteps in the hall. He cursed himself for not finding out how to get rid of the ghost. At 6:16 am, he started to doze off and heard Wendy whisper.

"You have to convince yourself it isn't there," was all he heard.

Then the screaming began again. He cried and screamed and jumped again as the door pounded again.

"Go to hell! You're not here! You don't exist! You can't get me! You'll have to kill me first," he screamed as he watched the vision of his lifeless body slowly walk into his room.

"What...what do you want," he said as tears began pouring down his face.

"Zach, all I want is...WHAT YOU WANT," he screamed as he shot at Zach like a lightning bolt. "You wanted a ghost now you've got it how is it?"

"So that's it. You're going to haunt me?" Zach demanded.

"No, I'm going to kill you," the ghost said as he threw Zach out the window.

Zach Crawford swore his apartment was haunted.

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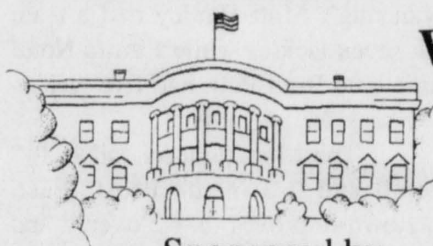
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at a truck stop
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in a jail cell
in a nightmare
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in the stone age
in a tree-house
in a gay bar

(2)
in September
at McDonald's
ridin' shotgun
wrestlin' gates
all hunched over
poppin' uppers
sort of pregnant
with joggers
stoned on oatmeal
with Merv Griffin
dead all over

(3)
that purple dress
that little hat
that burlap bra
those traning pants
the stolen goods
that plastic nose
the stassin pin
the neon sign
that creepy smile
the hearing aid
the boxershorts

(4)
sobbin' at the toll booth
drinkin' Dr. Pepper
weighted down with Twinkies
breakin' out with acne
crawlin' through the prairie
smellin' kind of funny
crashin' through the guardrail
chewin' on a hangnail
talkin' in Swahili
drownin' in the quicksand
slurpin' up linguini

(5)
in the twilight
but I loved her
by the off-ramp
near Poughkeepsie
with her cobra
when she shot me
on her elbows
with Led-Zeppelin
with Miss Piggy
with a wetback
in her muu-muu

(6)
no guy would ever love her more
that she would be an easy score
she'd bought her dentures in a store
that she would be a crashing bore
I'd never rate her more than "4"
it was a raven, nothing more
we really lost the last world war
I'd have to scrape her off the floor
what strong deodorants are for
that she was rotten to the core
that I would upchuck on the floor

(7)
I promised her
I knew deep down
She asked me if
I told her shrink
The judge declared
My Pooh-Bear said
I shrieked in pain
the painters knew
A Klingon said
My hamster thought
The blood test showed

(8)
stay with her
warp her mind
swear off booze
change my sex
punch her out
live off her
have my rash
stay a dwarf
hate her dog
pick my nose
play "Go Fish"

(9)
our love would never die
there was no other guy
man wasn't meant to fly
that Nixon didn't lie
her basset hound was shy
that Roloids made her high
she'd have a swiss on rye
she loved my one blue eye
her brother's name was Hy
she liked "Spy vs. Spy"
she couldn't stand my tie

(10)
run off
wind up
boogie
yodel
sky dive
freak out
blast off
make it
black out
bobsled
grovel

(11)
with my best friend
in my Edsel
on a surfboards
on "The Gong Show"
with her dentist
on her "workmate"
with a robot
with no cloths on
in her Maytag
with her guru
while in labor

(12)
I never had the chance to say
She told her fat friend Grace to say
I now can kiss my credit cards
I guess I was too smashed to say
I watched her melt away and sobbed
She fell beneath the wheels and cried
She sent a hired thug to say
She freaked out on the lawn and screamed
I pushed her off the bridge and waved
But that's the way that pygmies say
She sealed me in the vault and smirked

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The Flashlight

Friday, Oct. 17, 1997

Mountaineers field hockey post big upsets of two national powers improving record to 7-7

Wins over Longwood College, 4-3, and Kutztown University, 3-1, are biggest of the 1997 season



Mountaineers junior midfielder Tandy Carey chases after a ball in a game earlier in the season. Carey is one of the two captains for this year's field hockey team and has scored eight goals along with nine assists in leading MU to a 7-7 record.

Jason Feather
Asst. Sports Editor

The Mansfield Mountaineers field hockey team had its most successful week of the season with three wins, including two against nationally ranked opponents.

Last Friday, the Mountaineers got a 2-0 win over Mercyhurst College at Spaulding Field.

Sophomore forwards Christy Sunchych and Shanna Vitale each scored a goal with junior Tandy Carey picking up the two assists.

On Sunday, Longwood College entered the non-league contest nation-

ally ranked, and preparing itself for a possible national championship showdown.

Mansfield wouldn't allow them to be the pushovers, and hit on all cylinders, beating the Lakers 4-3 in a game that went into overtime.

Vitale scored the hat trick with three goals, including the game winner in the extra frame.

Carey picked up two more assists on the Vitale goals, and freshman Jamie Huffcut scored the other goal for Mansfield.

This past Tuesday the Mounties lost a tough PSAC contest to the East Stroudsburg Warriors, 5-1.

Huffcut scored the lone Mountie goal with Vitale being cred-

ited with the assist.

ESU was led by Missy Brown's two goals and Kim Singleton's one goal and two assists.

ESU goalkeeper Katie Horst worked the first 65 minutes of the game making six saves.

The biggest win of the week for the Mountaineers came yesterday against the conference leader Kutztown Golden Bears, 3-1, in the last home game of the season.

Carey was once again put in a brilliant effort for Mansfield scoring twice and assisting on the other Mountie goal.

The Mountaineers got on the board at the 21:09 mark of the first half on Carey's first goal with Huffcut gaining the assist.

Kutztown came back and tied the score a little more than five minutes later on a goal by Joanne Auge with the assist being credited to Shannon Daggett.

The score remained this way through the rest of the first half and until the 19:47 mark of the second half. Vitale scored her ninth goal of the season to give Mansfield the lead for good off the Carey assist.

Just over a minute later, Carey added her second goal of the game and eighth of the season on an assist from Huffcut with 18:13 left to play in regulation.

Kutztown had an opportunity to cut into the Mountaineer lead when Huffcut received a yellow card, and was forced out of play for five minutes. The MU defense responded with precise kills deep in their own zone.

Mountaineer sophomore goalkeeper Jen Manton made 11 saves giving up only the lone goal in the first half to Auge.

"We deserved these two wins over Longwood and Kutztown," Mountaineers sophomore forward Shanna Vitale said. "We played harder, and I think that we wanted it more than they

Mounties lose 7th straight with 44-0 loss to Kutztown

special to the Flashlight

The Mansfield University Mountaineers suffered a breakdown in special teams play that led to the first 30 points in a 44-0 loss at Kutztown Saturday last Saturday.

Kutztown took a 16-0 halftime lead on touchdown drives that covered just 11 and five yards along with a safety during a kickoff return.

The next two Kutztown drives covered five and 35 yards respectively.

Jason Donadi had 73 yards rushing for the Mountaineers who suffered their second straight shutout.

Emneko Sweeney led Kutztown with a career high 163 yards rushing and three touchdowns.

North Penn grad freshman Chris Olsen had three catches for six yards while Wellsboro's Nate Davis gained 52-yards on five carries. Wyalusing's Matt Hanley had a team high seven tackles while Elmira Notre Dame grad Brad Polk had five tackles and a sack for 14-yards.

The Mountaineers fall to 0-7 overall and 0-3 in the PSAC East. Kutztown improves to 4-2 overall and 2-1 in the PSAC East.

The Mountaineers host West Chester Saturday at home. Game time is scheduled for 1:00 at Karl Van Norman field.

did."

Kutztown's loss to the Mountaineers could have dropped them from contention of playing for the national championship against the North Region champion, which at this time is PSAC foe Bloomsburg University.

With the three wins, the Mountaineers improve their overall record to 7-7, and their final PSAC mark at 3-5.

Vitale named Player of the Week in PSAC

Special to the Flashlight

Mansfield University sophomore Shanna Vitale has been named the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Field Hockey Player of the Week for her outstanding performance in the week ending October 19, 1997.

Vitale, a forward from Hopewell Jct., NY and a graduate of John Jay High School, scored the only goal in a 1-0 win over Millersville, was credited with an assist in a 2-0 win over Mercyhurst and scored three goals, including the game winner in a 4-3 overtime win over nationally ranked Longwood College.

For the season, Vitale leads the Mountaineers, and ranks fourth in the PSAC, with 19 points, an average of 1.58 per game. She also ranks fourth in the conference in goals, averaging 0.75 per game.

It marks the first time in school

history MU has had two players named PSAC Field Hockey Player of the Week.

Tandy Carey won the award on September 27, 1997.

This week, in the Mountaineers two games, which were a 5-1 loss to East Stroudsburg University and a 3-1 win over nationally Kutztown University, Vitale scored another goal and added an assist.

Vitale and the Mountaineers will finish the season on the road with games at Philadelphia Textile on Sunday, and Houghton College on Wednesday.

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(A) vs Philadelphia Textile

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Man pleads guilty to extortion from Utah Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A man who threatened to blow up the Delta Center unless Utah Jazz owner Larry Miller gave him \$150,000 pleaded guilty Tuesday to sending a threatening communication through the U.S. Mail.

Richard Lewis Christiansen, 43, could be sentenced to up to 20 years in prison and fined \$250,000 for the crime. Both prosecutors and defense attorneys think Christiansen will do considerably less time.

A disheveled Christiansen, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt with his shirttail hanging out the back, answered in monotones as U.S. District Judge J. Thomas Greene asked him if he understood the repercussions of his guilty plea.

Christiansen said the extortion idea had been inspired by the

Oklahoma City federal building bombing, but he told Greene that he never intended to carry out his threat to set off a bomb in the 19,911-seat arena.

"I couldn't have done it if I tried," he said. "I just wanted him (Miller) to think I was serious."

Christiansen was arrested June 18 after he picked up an envelope left in a field by a Larry Miller look-alike FBI agent. The envelope was to have contained \$150,000 cash. Instead, it was stuffed with shredded newspaper.

It was placed in the field at the direction of two letters sent six days earlier to auto dealerships owned by Miller. The letters included a map to the drop-off point in Woods Cross, 8 miles north of Salt Lake.

Christiansen was drowning in debt over a failed used car lot of his own when he arrived at the plan to extort Miller. It was better, he said, "than telling my wife. I was worried she would leave me."

He said he planned to pay off his \$90,000 in debts and infuse the other \$60,000 into his business. Once on his feet, Christiansen said, he planned to pay Miller back.

"The only thing that I could think of was to go ahead and write that letter," he said. "I never dreamed of the circumstances, or what would happen afterward never crossed my mind."

Defense attorney Stephen G. McCaughey said he thinks Christiansen could qualify for probation. If he goes to prison, McCaughey doubts it will be for more than a year.

Rodman balks at signing deal

CHICAGO (AP) — Nothing is ever easy with Dennis Rodman.

The league's six-time leading rebounder agreed to a one-year contract with the Chicago Bulls this month but now is balking at signing the deal because it's too heavily tied to incentive clauses, the Chicago Tribune reported today.

Rodman, a former Southeastern Oklahoma State University standout, said he planned to talk with Bulls general manager Jerry Krause today to settle the dispute. If it can't be resolved, Rodman might miss the start of the regular season, he said.

He said injuries to Scottie Pippen (foot surgery) and Toni Kukoc (sore foot) could lower the number of games the Bulls win — and consequently hurt Rodman's bottom line because the contract pays him per Chicago win.

"I'm just trying to make sure the contract is right so I can go out there and play," Rodman said. "It's (messed) up that I make a certain amount of money depending on how many games we win."

Pippen is out for at least two months. As for Kukoc, coach Phil Jackson said he will not need surgery. Kukoc told the Chicago Sun-Times his foot injury is not as big of a problem as his overall lack of conditioning.

"My foot is about 90 percent and getting better," Kukoc said.

The Bulls had insisted that Rodman's contract include plenty of incentives because of his unpredictable behavior. Last season Rodman was suspended for 14 games for kicking a courtside cameraman, using an expletive during a live postgame television interview and striking Milwaukee's Joe Wolf in the groin.

Rodman said he doesn't mind incentive clauses that reward him for good behavior, but he won't sign a deal with incentives that pay him per win.

"It would be different if I was a guy who hadn't accomplished anything in this league," Rodman said. "Now you're trying to tell me you're putting restrictions on my contract? There are like 25 different incentive clauses in there. I'm 36 years old. I can't do it. I may be a great athlete or play great mind games, but I can't agree to all that stuff."

KC fans not happy with move to NL

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — If the Royals are the only major league team to switch leagues, it may turn out to be the most unpopular move in Kansas City since the Athletics left for Oakland.

Kansas City has been an American League town since the late Arnold Johnson brought in the Athletics in 1955. The Athletics departed after the 1967 season, and the Royals began play as an expansion team in 1969.

"I hate the idea of going to the National League," said Linda Hokenson, a season ticket holder from suburban Raytown. "Our pitchers are already bad. Now we're going to ask them to bat, too?"

"The American League is our heritage," said Joe Fisher of Prairie Village, Kan., also a suburb. "I've had season tickets since we became a major-league city in 1955. I really think we should stay if we can work it out."

Owners and officials, speaking on the condition they not be identified, said owners are set to vote Wednesday on a plan that will give the Royals the option to go to the National League Central or stay in the AL Central. If the Royals decline to switch league, the Milwaukee Brewers would move from the AL Central to the NL Central.

"I've been a season ticket holder since 1969," said Ray Robinson of Lee's Summit. "I just can't imagine being in the National League. This is an American League city. This town still hasn't recovered baseball interest it lost after the strike in 1994 and I don't think that would help at all."

Mountaineers prepare for game with West Chester Golden Rams

Special to the Flashlight

The Mansfield University Mountaineers will try to snap an eight game losing streak when they host the Golden Rams of West Chester University in a PSAC-East match up this Saturday. Kickoff is set for 1 pm at Karl Van Norman Field.

The game marks the 26th meeting between the two schools on the gridiron since 1958. The Mountaineers have never beaten the Golden Rams on the football field. Last year the Golden Rams took a 57-0 victory at West Chester.

Last Saturday the Mountaineers fell to 0-7 on the season and 0-3 in the PSAC East after suffering a 44-0 setback at Kutztown. WCU improved to 3-4 overall and 2-0 in the PSAC East with a 54-20 victory over Cheyney.

Last week the Mountaineers struggled on special teams with the Golden Bears scoring their first 30 points of the game as a result of special teams miscues.

Jason Donadi continued to be the Mountaineers most effective weapon rushing for 73 yards on 12-carries and picking up 67-yards on three kick returns. Sophomore Nate Davis picked up 52 yards on just five carries.

The defense was led by JJ Cleaver, Matt Hanley and Tyree Patterson each with seven tackles. Freshman Brad Polk had five stops and a 14-yard quarterback sack. Patterson

and freshman linebacker Frank Hanlon also recorded sacks.

For the season, Donadi ranks among the conference leaders in all-purpose, rushing and kickoff return yardage. He ranks fourth in the PSAC in all-purpose, averaging 155.4 per game, ninth in the conference in rushing yardage with 84.3 per game average and is fifth in kickoff returns with an average of 27.6 yards per return. Donadi has now rushed for 2,211 yards and needs just 68 more to move past Mike Kemp (1973-76) for third place on the MU all-time list. He is also just 41 yards shy of hitting the 3,500 yard milestone in all-purpose yardage.

Hanley and Cleaver top the defense with 69 and 62 tackles respectively. Cleaver needs just 11 tackles to reach the 200 career mark.

WCU head coach Rick Daniels seems to have gotten back his troops back on track after struggling through a tough early season schedule that included three Division I-AA teams and two national ranked Division II opponents.

Senior Thomas Fulton is third in the PSAC in rushing, averaging 108.4 yards per game and is coming off a 162 yard effort against Cheyney. Sophomore quarterback Mike Mitros has completed 103 of 186 passes for 1118 yards and nine touchdowns.

Sophomores Bill Lowe and Tom Truitt are both among the conference leaders with 27 and 24 catches respectively.

Senior linebacker Ben Tonon tops the defense with 66 tackles, including eight for a loss and 6.5 sacks.

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Mansfield University community takes on binge drinking

Mansfield bartenders change policies in the wake of national alcohol related deaths

by **Darren A. Meehan**
managing editor

Earlier this year, two students, one from MIT and one from LSU died from alcohol poisoning. In the wake of the recent tragedies at other University campuses, Mansfield University administrators and local bars have increased their efforts with their campaign to aid students in the inevitability of binge drinking on the MU campus.

As network news and other types of media prompt conversations on college campuses about binge drinking, persons responsible for the distribution of alcohol locally recognize their attempts to change the way students approach drinking.

Carmen Bianco, Director of Alcohol and Other Drugs Education, responsible for educating students on campus caught with alcohol, hopes students understand two consequences that can result in bodily harm.

Students need to understand there are two ways you can hurt yourself: first, disease and alcoholism, and, secondly, there are impairment problems.

Bianco describes impairment problems as reflexive delays in the brain that cause students to make decisions abnormal to their regular behavior. These decisions, he says, are direct results of their drinking.

Although Bianco's job recommends that he frown upon drinking,

binge drinking on university campuses is a reality. According to statistics compiled by Stephanie Kenney, President of the Mansfield University Public Relations Students Society of America, freshmen in college, average more than six drinks a week. Although that rate declines as students pass through the college years, about 12 million college people drink 430 gallons of alcohol each year. These statistics also placed college drinking in perspective.

"Each students body in the country drinks the equivalent of one Olympic-sized swimming pool every year.

And, in the wake of recent deaths as a result of university and tavern drinking, bartenders in Mansfield are also changing their policies.

Specifically, Christie Warner, a bartender at Mark's Brother's, on Main Street says, the bar's policies on 21st birthday celebrations have changed. But even these changes don't mean her clientele are ready for the responsibilities of drinking.

"It has to do with the level of maturity," she says. "There are 21 year-olds who should not be drinking, but once kids understand that it's a bar, they learn."

But Warner's three years at Mark's Brother's have taught her that young drinkers are fast learners.

"People do dumb things but, usually they realize it," she says. "They'll come back the next day and apologize."



photo by McCallus

Mark's Brother's, in downtown Mansfield, is frequented by a large amount of over-21 Mansfield University students.

Even though students are drinking, they need to realize policies when they go to the local bar.

"We don't let shots go down stair because we can't see who is drinking them." She adds, "that's the major reason."

In fact, according to Warner, it is illegal for anyone to walk into a bar with the intention of getting drunk. And that policy, along with the overall intention of the establishment, which has had their liquor license for 15 of their 25 years in business, reflects the way patrons react in the bar.

"We don't let shots go downstairs because we can't see who is drinking them."

Christie Warner

Mark's Brother's bartender

Scott Bixby, owner of Mark's Brother's, thinks people have a fairly accurate sense of right and wrong while they're in his bar.

"People know we run a pretty tight ship," he said. "We're not going to jeopardize our jobs so that someone can show that they're a man or a woman."

And, Warner adds, this strict policy sometimes escapes newly-legal drinkers.

"I don't think kids realize why we have the power to throw people out," Warner said. "We're not going to lose our jobs or licenses for that."

And the laws that govern a bar or tavern also apply in anyone's house, including fraternities and sororities. Ac-

cording to a pamphlet distributed to bartenders, the same responsibilities apply whether in a commercial or private environment.

"Whether you serve cocktails in a restaurant or bar, sell beer at a convenience or liquor store, or offer wine and other spirits in your own home, you can be held liable, or responsible should one of your patrons, customers, guests or friend become intoxicated and cause damage to themselves, others or property," the pamphlet states.

And students injuring themselves and others is Bianco's concern. His lectures to students, combined with the many lectures and activities presented in Mansfield University's Alcohol and Other Drugs Awareness Week, advise students to be responsible.

"The more you drink the more you lose control," he says. "The best advice I can give is to know your limit, but we don't make that conscious decision when we go out to drink."

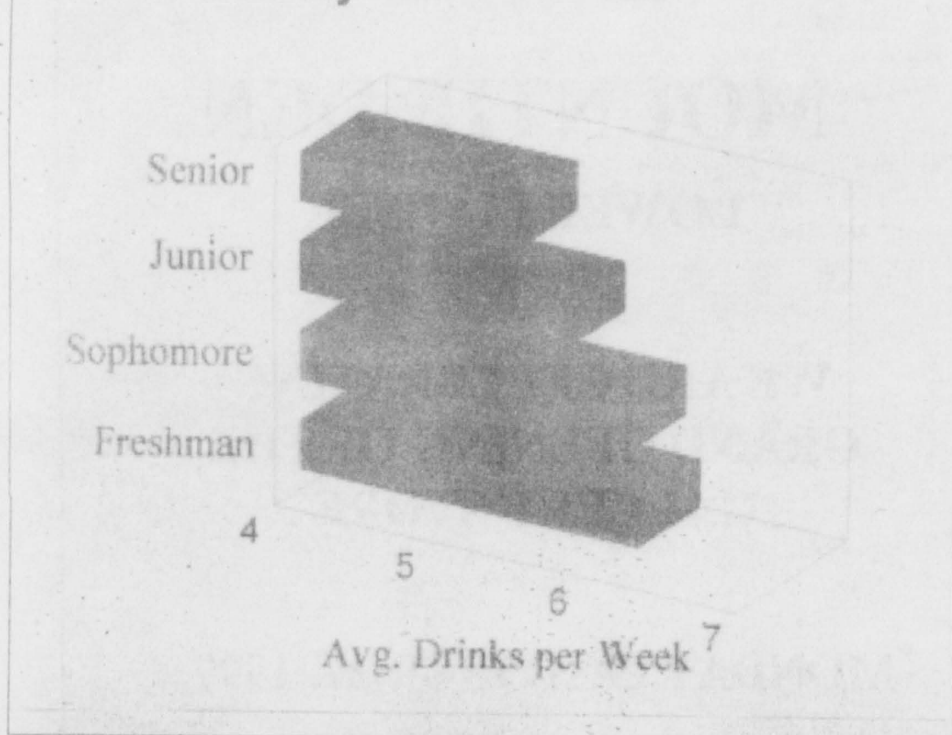
Warner also adds that the students and others should know their rights.

"Pace yourself and if you don't want to drink, you don't have to," she says, "because it's your right. If someone doesn't want to drink a shot, they don't have to."

Even though students should recognize their right to deny a drink, she also says that, at times, she must be the voice of reason.

"Shots are what's going to do you in," she says. "We make sure on weekends like homecoming that we're prepared so we can keep an eye on things."

Alcohol Consumption by School Year



graph by Jones

Calendar

Friday 24, 1997

Last day to withdraw from class.
8pm - Senior Voice Recital in Steadman Theatre.

Saturday 25, 1997

11am - Cross Country away at Bloomsburg with Lock Haven University.
1pm - MU home football game: Mounties vs. West Chester College.

1pm - Field Hockey away at Philadelphia College of Textiles.

Sunday 26, 1997

Daylight savings ends.
3pm - Recital in Steadman Theatre.
8:03pm - Octubafest in Steadman Theatre.

Monday 27, 1997

8:15pm - Octofoefest in

Steadman Theatre.

Wednesday 29, 1997

4pm - Field hockey away at Houghton College.

Thursday 30, 1997

4pm - Field hockey at home vs. Shippensburg University.
7pm - Anthropology Club presents lecture on Russian Samartian Warrior Women in

North Manser Dining Hall.
8pm - "Veronica's Room" in Straughn Hall.

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University tutoring program helps all involved

Joey West
staff reporter

According to the National Assessment of Educational Progress, 40 percent of America's 4th graders are reading below the basic level. With this information, President Clinton announced in August 1996 the America Reads Challenge.

"We ought to commit ourselves as a country to say that by the year 2000, 8-year-olds in America will be able to pick up an appropriate book and say 'I can read this all by myself,'" Clinton said to a community in California in 1996.

If the rest of the country has not followed the presidents words of advise, Mansfield University sure has.

MU currently has thirty two active members of A.R.C., according to student director, Deb Finestone.

"It's amazing," Finestone said, referring to the program and its response on campus and off campus. "The action is all the tutors."

The program is beneficial for all people involved. It is the elementary



photo provided

The Mansfield University chapter of "America Reads Challenge" currently contains over thirty members. Pictured above are several members.

students however, that receive the extra help and attention, that are probably the ones who benefit the most.

"You go into schools and tutor

one on one, or small groups, just in reading or skills related to reading," Stephanie Semple, a senior special education major from Corning, New York

said.

A.R.C. started this semester at MU. Of the thirty two members, twenty one are paid tutors, who make \$6.50 per hour. Eleven of the members, including Ms. Finestone, are non-paid volunteers, according to Semple.

"She (referring to Finestone) is really good with the program...I love it," Ms. Semple said. This is besides that she has to drive the fifty minutes to Westfield twice a week.

"Everyday that I go I get excited, it's rewarding."

Another tutor, Jeanette Sackett, a junior said, "It's been wonderful. Everyday I learn something new." She has to give up her tutoring job after this semester because she will be student teaching.

Although results do not happen after just one tutoring session, results can and do happen.

"It doesn't happen over night. I have definitely seen a lot of improvement since September," said Kim Hand,

see TUTOR, pg. 2

Third annual etiquette class held in North Dining Hall

Josh Cusatis
news editor

Last night the third annual Com. 101 "Etiquette Meal" was held.

The dinner, Mansfield University professor said that the dinner is held for students in her class.

"When I started this dinner in the fall of 1996 it was just for the students in my COM 101 class," Carrish said. "Last spring I added the dinner to my COM 336 class, Business and Professional Communication. This semester I added my COM 204 class, Public Speaking."

Carrish said that she holds these dinners for the students because it gives them a chance to experience a formal dinner setting.

"Many students have to go to lunch or dinner when they go for interviews," Carrish said. "This gives them the chance to see what that is like so they are prepared when that time comes."

Carrish also said that these dinners improve the quality of the classes she teaches.

"When I came up with the idea for these dinners, I was looking for

something to add to the classes," Carrish said. "I think the students get a lot out of this."

According to Carrish, this semester's dinner went very well.

"It was different from the other two that I've already done," Carrish said. "This one went quite well."

Carrish said that there are a couple of reasons that each dinner is different from the others.

"It's a different mixture of students and there are also different guests of honor," Carrish said.

According to Carrish, the dinner could never happen without the guests of honor.

"I get people from the administration and faculty to be the guests of honor and, really, the meal couldn't happen if they didn't show up," Carrish said. "Usually, everybody shows up but the people that don't give me sufficient notice for me to get someone else."

Carrish said that she is thinking of making this dinner an even bigger event in the future.

"There are a lot of people interested in me teaching an actual etiquette class," Carrish said. "I don't know how it would be done though because

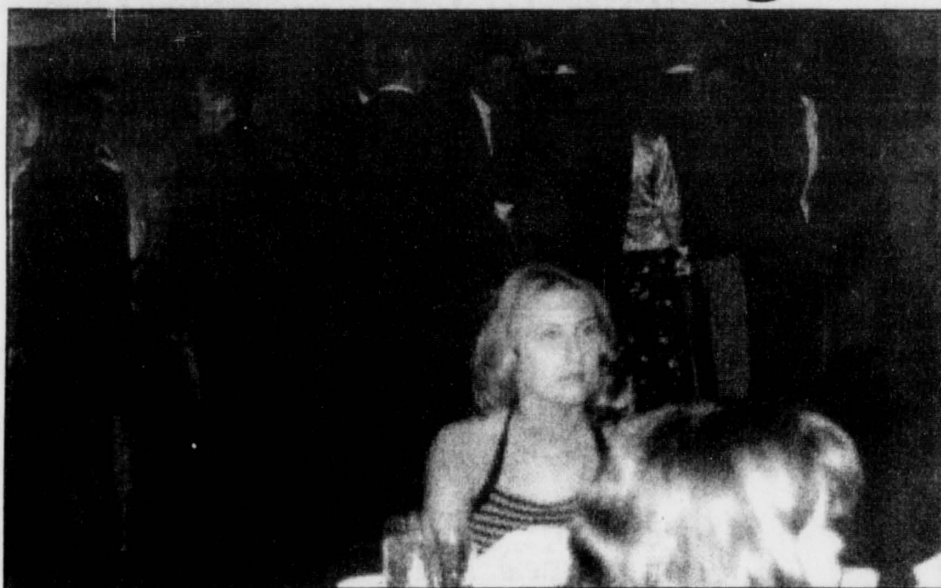


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Sharon Carrish, a Mansfield University professor, includes the above etiquette dinner in many of her courses

the logistics are just difficult. But there should be some way to give the students the extra knowledge that they'll need in the outside world."

According to Carrish, it is not often that a student does not attend the

meal.

"It's rare that it happens because the dinner is such an integral part

see DINNER, pg. 2

Philosophy club hosts discussion on environmental ethics

Thomas A. Jones
wire editor

The Mansfield University Philosophy Club hosted a discussion on Environmental Ethics. The talk was lead by Professor Thomas Young of the Philosophy and Liberal Studies Department and Associate Professor Murphy of the English Department on November 13th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall Room 204.

The meeting began with Dr. Murphy outlining his position on Environmental Ethics.

"In a sense," said Dr. Murphy, "by talking about Environmental Ethics I'm like a duck out of water. My concentration is English"

Murphy quoted several promi-

nent literary figures in defining the world Environment. He included C.S. Lewis, Oscar Wilde, and William Shakespeare.

"Nature, which according to C.S. Lewis is nature in the dangerous sense," said Murphy. "Nature is a very slippery word."

Murphy suggested that landscaping, and the use of animals as talking creatures is a perversion of nature that clouds our view of it. He said that the clearest view of nature is that of the Native Americans.

Murphy concluded his side of the talk by saying, "If we're a product of nature, then so is what we make a product of nature."

Dr. Young began by speaking of how the field of Environmental Ethics has only been around for about 30 years. As a result of the field being in

its infancy there is not a lot of agreement.

"It is kind of a quagmire," said Young. "I position that is commonly rejected by writers in the field is Anthropocentrism."

According to Young, Anthropocentrism has been around since day 1. It is the attitude toward nature that mankind is so superior that no other interests should be considered.

"Only human interests have intrinsic value [is the premise of Anthropocentrism]," Young said.

Anthropocentrism has been the dominant approach to nature but current experts suggest it needs revision. According to Young, many find it arbitrary and speciesist (discrimination against a particular being based on animal classification).

"Their interests have to count

too," said Young. "We can't run roughshod over species with their own interests."

Young used an example of an alien species visiting Earth and adopting the Anthropocentric point of view.

"Say an alien species visits, and used the same logic on us. 'The only species that has rights and deserves moral respect is horribus gargantuanas,'" said Young. "Most environmental ethicists feel the need to go beyond Anthropology."

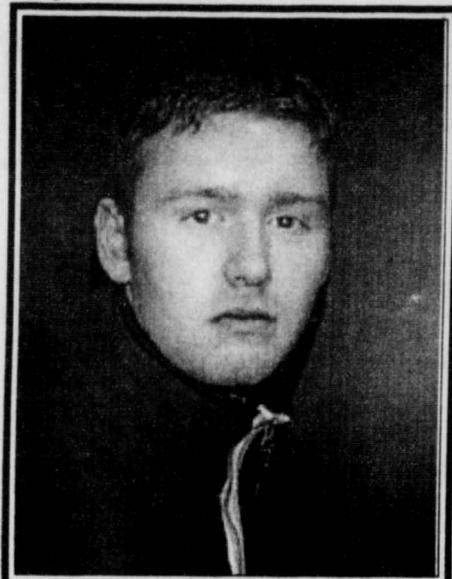
According to Young, the most typical position now is sentinism. The belief that any being that can feel pleasure or pain has rights.

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Campus Voices

"Did you have any problems with registration this semester?"

by Brent McCallus and Thomas A. Jones



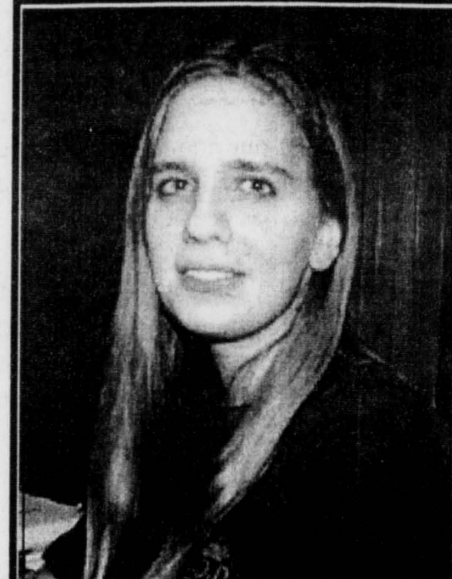
David Storey
Sophomore
"No, I didn't."



Nicole Jones
Senior
"I am graduating this semester."



Robin Thomas
Freshman
"No, because I am freshman."



Lily Korbeil
Freshman
"I had no problems?"

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a resident of Pennsylvania's "God Country" (Potter County).

Ms. Finestone said more tutors and volunteers are needed, especially males, for the purpose of giving the

younger male students a positive mentor, and there are no males involved in the program.

For more information on volunteering or tutoring contact Ms. Finestone at x4576 or e-mail at finestod@mnsfld.edu.

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of the class and ties in with most of what happens in the class," Carrish said. "I'd

say that probably better than 95 percent of the students show up. This dinner has become very popular for them."

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sure or pain has rights.

"A much more radical position that goes beyond both views is Biocentrism or Ecocentrism," said Young. "Life can encompass land, water, mountains, things that we didn't normally regard as living things."

There is one branch of Biocentrism, known as Deep Ecology which maintains that all life has inherent value. According to this view, the vital needs of non-humans takes precedence over the non-vital needs of humans.

Young concluded by stressing how the needs of the environment sometimes challenge our basic rights such as reproduction and consumption of resources.

"[The adoption of Biocentrism] means serious limitations on certain rights. It is not going to be a popular movement for a long time," said Young.

After both professors finished speaking, an informal question and answer session was held.

Murphy brought up a point about college preparing students to be

better consumers.

"People come to college in order to increase their ability to consume," said Murphy. "But we don't teach you to get along with less, when we know our consumption is part of the problem."

Philosophy Professor Stephen Bickham thought that an idea raised in the talk is not as good an idea as it appeared to some on its surface. Bickham asked if "pushing a button" to reduce consumption by 30% should be followed through on.

"Well, it would be good for the environment, but I think it would have terrible economic implications, not in the United States but in 3rd world countries," said Bickham. "It's not a situation we want to keep but people in those jobs make good money compared to others and they don't want to lose those jobs."

Marquand Brown, Treasurer for the Philosophy Club, stated that the event went very well.

"It gave students a chance to think about their environment, which they probably don't do very often," said Brown. "It also gave them a chance to see various professors viewpoints which I think is very important."

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Student organization of the week:

Computer Science Club: Preparing for Mansfield University's future

Lisa Carpenter
staff reporter

As part of our continuing series of organization profiles, the Computer Science Club has been chosen for this week's focus.

According to the organizations home page, the purpose of the Mansfield University Computer Science Club (Comp. Sci. Club for short) is to promote interest and discussion areas related to computing and to provide for interaction among anyone interested in computers.

The club's primary function is to produce web pages which are featured on the Mansfield University Stu-

dent Web Site. They provide the service of web page production for clubs, organizations, and students alike.

Other aspects of the club include helping computer science students to learn to program and set up web pages and to support the CIS tutors which are located in room 109 of Elliot Hall.

It is an almost entirely student run organization and as far as anyone knows, the club is responsible for the only student run web server in the state system.

Last Friday, about fourteen of the clubs members traveled to Corning Incorporated (Management Information Systems) for a tour of its main computer center. Such activities are typical of the club's involvement.

The Comp. Sci. Club has many

events planned for the coming months as well. One of those events is the state system's computer science conference, PACISE. The Pennsylvania Association for Computer Information Science Educators conference is an event which the club participates in every spring.

Currently the club has about fifteen hard-core members and seventy people on its mailing list. "The club is as strong as it ever has been," said Rustin Kreider, Computer Science major and president of the club, "but we are always looking for new members"

In fact, increasing membership is one of the clubs two main goals for this semester. The other is to increase student control of the Student Web.

"It's as time consuming as you

want it to be." Kreider said. "The first thing I would like to see a new member do is to learn how to make web pages." he added.

Anyone who is interested is welcome to join, not just computer science majors. In order to become a member of the club you need only have a general interest in computers and attend one of their meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 1:00 pm in room 206 of Elliot Hall or contact a club officer.

If you would like more information about the club, please visit its web page at <http://www.mnsfld.edu/studorgs/csclub/> or e-mail rochem@wheat.mnsfld.edu.



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David van Koeving, standing, owner of Van Koeving and one of the creators of the synthesizer, displayed and explained his interactive Piano to the public Monday in Steadman Theatre. The piano is completely digital with upgradable software available and Internet access through an onboard modem. Van Koeving predicts this synthesizer to be the instrument of the 21st century.

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23:59 University police responded to a disturbance between two students above the location. Upon investigation neither party wished to file charges. Case closed.

01:00 Unknown person(s) ripped the thermostat from the wall in south stairwell of Pinecrest Residence Hall. Incident is under investigation.

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22:50 Fire alarm pulled next to Cedarcrest A North exit. Spoke with GA doing rounds- investigation continuing.

11:15 Trash can thrown through plate glass window West side of Memorial Hall. Incident under investigation.

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Around the Nation

Colleges introducing new campus bars

BALTIMORE (AP) — Three Maryland colleges have come up with a way to combat student drinking — open a bar on campus.

The rationale at the three Maryland colleges is that students are going to drink anyway at off-campus bars.

"Our pub allows students of all ages to socialize and converse. And while we hesitate to use the word 'control,' that's what it amounts to," said Carol Williamson, vice president for student affairs at Salisbury State University. "If students drink on campus, we can have some control over it."

Drinking age laws are rigidly enforced in the campus bars. There are no happy hours and there are escorts home for those who drink a little too much, although bartenders are trained to watch for excessive drinking.

In addition, campuses are taking other steps to curb student drinking. They've established drug- and alcohol-free dormitories and encouraged off-campus bars to drop happy hours and act responsibly in selling alcohol.

Johns Hopkins University and Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg also have on-campus bars. Across the country, colleges are seeking ways to deal with student drinking in the wake of alcohol-related deaths, including recommending bans on drinking.

"At a place like the Mount, there are two primary reasons for having an on-campus drinking place — heading off off-campus drinking and keeping students out of cars," said George Houston, president of Mount St. Mary's College.

Houston acknowledged that colleges have little control over off-campus drinking.

"If I could report to you that the drinking behavior off-campus is as good as it is in the Pourhouse (the on-campus bar), I'd be a happy man," he said.

But officials at other Maryland colleges are opposed to the idea of an on-campus bar. Frostburg State, where a 21-year-old freshman died of alcohol poisoning after attending an off-campus party last November, is one of them.

Rev. Jackson speaks on NY "hate crime"



Time/Life Photo

Rev. Jesse Jackson who is speaking against New York City's possible decision to reject Bill Lann Lee

NEW YORK (AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson said Tuesday he would consider it a "hate crime" to reject Los Angeles lawyer Bill Lann Lee for the nation's top civil rights job.

Jackson and representatives of several Asian organizations urged at a Manhattan news conference that he be approved as the new head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, has said the nomination of Lee is dead. Republicans maintain he would be unfit for the job because he has been an advocate of racial and gender preferences.

Jackson said some members of the Senate are so violently opposed to affirmative action and anyone who supports it that they "would not nominate

Abraham Lincoln, the great healer," if he were alive today.

"Never has the party of Lincoln stooped so low, nor strayed so far from its abolitionist roots," Jackson said. "Honest Abe Lincoln would be ashamed of the way his party has divided the nation along racial lines."

"To reject Bill is a hate crime. It's the violence of exclusion," Jackson said,

"Never has the party of Lincoln stooped so low..."

Rev. Jesse Jackson

calling for a Washington rally Thursday to support Lee, 49, Western regional counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

The Senate Judiciary Committee is scheduled to vote on the appointment on Thursday.

President Clinton has asked that Lee's nomination be sent to the full Senate for a vote without a recommendation.

John Dunne, assistant attorney general for civil rights under President Bush, has told Hatch in a letter that it is unfair to use Lee's support of affirmative action as justification to deny his confirmation.

Jackson called the controversy over Lee's appointment "an acid test for racism and inclusion" in the United States.

He noted that the Judiciary Committee several years ago sent the nomination of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas to the Senate floor without a recommendation so that the full Senate could consider the case.

Polls indicate Pennsylvania 1998 elections will be dominated by the Republican party

HARRISBURG (AP) — Republicans Gov. Tom Ridge and U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter are heading into the 1998 election with one in two Pennsylvania voters happy with them, according to a poll released Friday.

The poll by the Center for Politics and Public Affairs at Millersville University also found that Ridge's only declared challenger, Democratic Rep. Ivan Itkin of Pittsburgh, is unknown to four out of five voters.

The survey confirmed that Ridge, who will be seeking a second four-year term, and Specter, who will be seeking his fourth six-year term, are both well-positioned to defend their seats in 1998.

"An auspicious campaign beginning," said G. Terry Madonna, a political analyst who runs the center.

Specter said he was delighted by his level of support in the poll, especially a year before the election.

The manager of Ridge's re-election campaign committee, Leslie Gromis, said the poll reflects a content electorate enjoying a strong, stable economy.

"We don't look solely at numbers, we look at the mood of the citizens of the state," she said. "People are happy, upbeat and experiencing a good quality of life."

Gromis said in the last three years Ridge has created more than 200,000

jobs in Pennsylvania.

"We believe the best poll is the reaction the governor gets from the citizens of Pennsylvania when he is out and among them, which is almost on a daily basis," she said. "Tom Ridge has an extremely good relationship with the citizens of Pennsylvania."

But the pollsters got a decidedly negative reaction to one scenario that has been floated since Bob Dole considered Ridge as his White House running mate in 1994 — that Ridge launch his own bid for presidency. Two-thirds of the respondents said he should not run, and about the same

proportion said they do not consider him qualified.

State Democratic Chairman Mark Singel said Ridge's showing in the poll was surprisingly weak considering Ridge's financial resources and the fact that the GOP controls both houses of the General Assembly.

"I think this is a ray of hope for Democratic candidates," Singel said.

The statewide telephone survey, in which 474 registered Pennsylvania voters were contacted between Oct. 7 and Oct. 30, was commissioned by KYW-TV in Philadelphia, the Philadelphia

Daily News and The Patriot-News in Harrisburg. The margin of error is 4.5 percentage points.

The survey found 53 percent of the respondents held a favorable opinion of Ridge while 52 percent held a similar opinion of Specter. Ridge was viewed unfavorably by 19 percent and Specter by 20 percent. In both cases, 28 percent were undecided or did not know enough to form an opinion.

Fifty percent of the respondents said Ridge deserves re-election, and 49 percent said Specter does.

Itkin, who also serves as the minority whip in the General Assembly, was unknown to 83 percent of the respondents. Four percent said they had a favorable opinion of him, while 11 percent were undecided.

Itkin, who officially declared his candidacy only this week, "was quite pleased" to hear that 17 percent of the voters had heard of him, said his campaign spokeswoman, Diane McCormick.

The pollsters also asked about two other prospective gubernatorial candidates — Peg Luksik, who won 13 percent of the vote as an independent in the 1994 gubernatorial race, and former Lt. Gov. Ernest Kline — but more than two-thirds of the respondents were unfamiliar with either one.



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Current Governor Tom Ridge, who will be up for re-election in November 1998



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U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania Arlen Specter who will be up for re-election in November 1998

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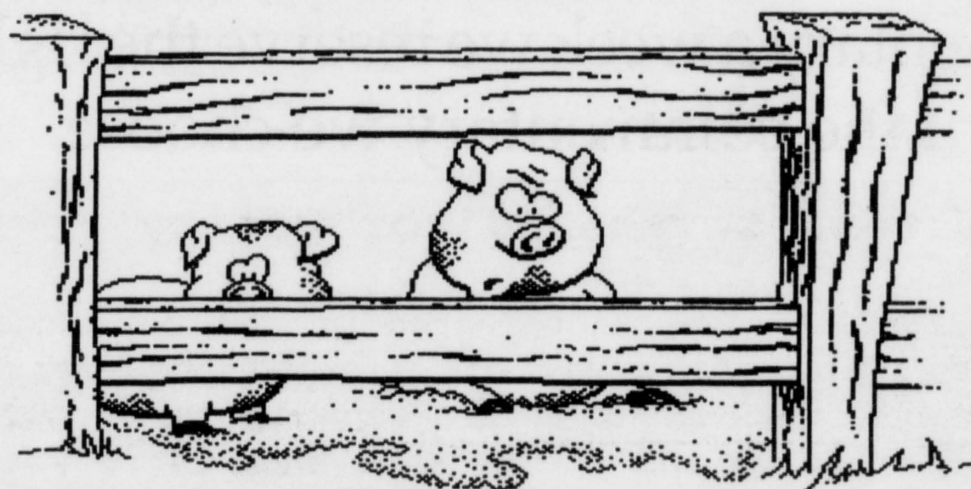
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Should students lose their voices?

A recent debate has started on campus regarding the necessity, or lack thereof, of a university newspaper. Naturally, we, the editors at the Flashlight, find it very necessary and beneficial to both our educational pursuits and to you, the students.

We provide the students of Mansfield University with a voice. Sometimes, the voice presented in this newspaper doesn't match the opinion or concern of the entire campus population, but it does reflect someone's.

Secondly, we hope to inform the students of events and regulations that they need to know to tackle the coming week. We print a calendar, as well as countless announcements on the campus bulletin board page.

Third, we add some free-writing and opinions for the students to consider. These opinions are that of real students here at Mansfield University and have some bearing on your campus.

The Flashlight benefits us, the editorial board, by giving us the experience we'll need in the real world. By publishing a newspaper every week, we are learning about deadlines and the various other aspects of journalism.

We're not perfect, but we try. We welcome your suggestions and questions and try to reflect a majority of the campus. We're in this for the experience and the knowledge and we're getting it. Just like the broadcasting majors learn their trade at Giant 89.5 WNTE, the campus radio station, so do we learn our trade here.

Our newspaper isn't the best. And in ten years we hope the editors look back at ours and laugh at the mistakes we made just as we look back 10 years and learn from their mistakes.

There are also legal concerns regarding First Amendment. We have a right to print what we wish within the parameters of the law. We do not discriminate. We do not print stories on the basis of race or religion. Often, it might appear that the newspaper does not cater to everyone, but it's difficult to satisfy all of the people all of the time.

If you don't think we need a campus newspaper, then be prepared to lose the radio station. And fraternities and sororities. And athletic teams. If we begin by taking away the campus newspaper, how long will it be before these people come after the other organizations on this campus?

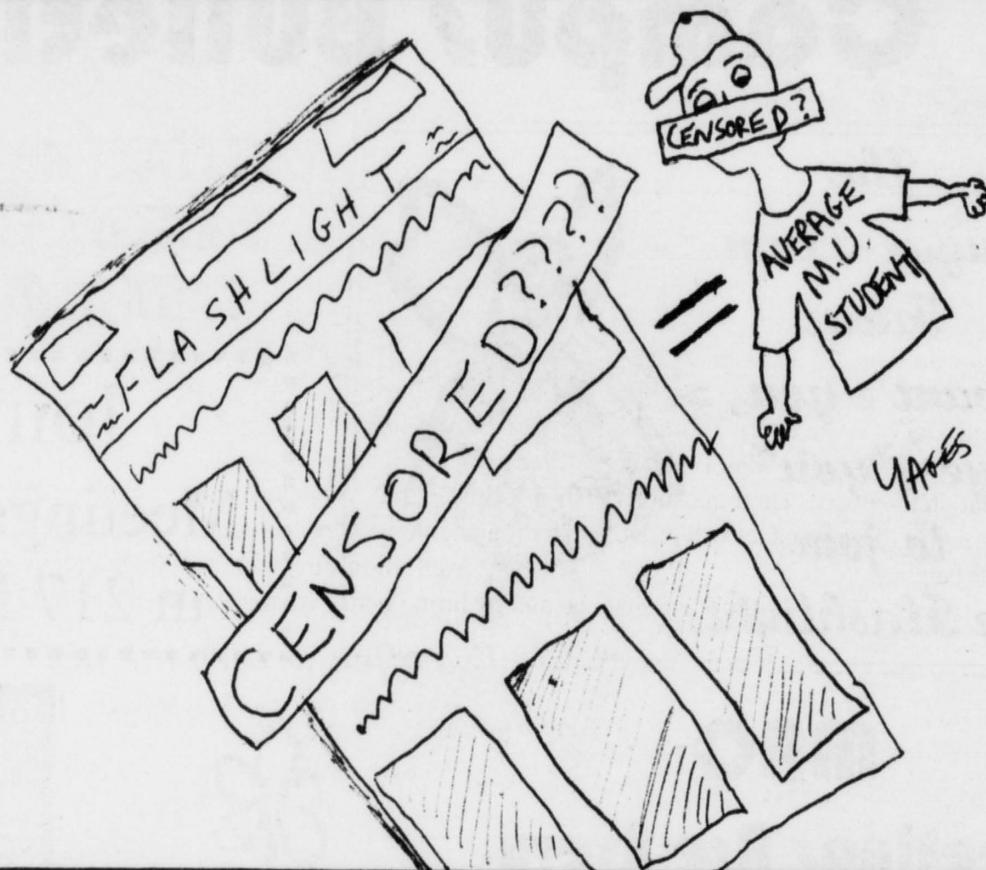
Do you think they'll be happy once they've taken away the newspaper? It would only be a matter of time before they shifted their attention to the Greek system.

After all, if you can find enough people who think the Freedom of Speech is a bad thing on college campuses, then you can find enough people who think the Greek life-style is a waste of time and not recognize the countless acts of community service they perform both on this campus and in the surrounding community.

And then it will be the radio stations turn to fight. They'll take away their right to run a student operated radio station and they'll censor WNTE. Is this what we want?

Of course, without radio stations and newspapers and fraternities to beat around, they'll get bored. And they'll ambush the football team and the basketball team and strip us of them. Can you see the first domino falling yet?

Or do we want a university who recognizes the good in the organization in spite of its imperfections? We're not perfect. And neither is the radio station. And neither are the Greek families. But we're all learning from our mistakes and the mistakes are preparing us for the real world.



Commentary Policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary may turn it in to the *Flashlight* office by 5 PM. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writers name, major, class, and phone number. Non-students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

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We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

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Commentary

Do we really need this campus newspaper?

by Darren A. Meehan
managing editor

According to certain members of the faculty, the forum I referred to in last week's commentary was canceled.

And then it was postponed.

The Flashlight would like to thank every student present at the Diversity Board meeting. Your support of our newspaper makes working every Thursday night/Friday morning worth it. We also want to thank the two students present on the board. Their questions concerning specific aspects of the newspaper will prove to make the newspaper better.

But I also must apologize to the students present who don't normally attend that meeting. The complete lack of professionalism and total ignorance by certain members of the Diversity Board embarrasses me. I'm not talking about the students on the board but the members responsible for the "openly secret" forum.

It seems the forum was canceled at the last minute for no reason. But here is an inside tip: Look for a forum entitled "Do We Need a Campus Newspaper?" From the looks of the title, it would concern America's college newspapers and whether or not schools are wise investing student funds in university newspapers.

But this forum wouldn't address this issue. It would address the problem with our newspaper, the Flashlight. It would question why our newspaper has some problems.

Well, I can answer why our paper has problems. For starters, we're human and we make mistakes. Second, we're students and we're learning and we make mistakes. Third, we're not God and we're not perfect and we make mistakes.

What I'd like to know is why our school pays someone to be in charge of multi-cultural affairs when it seems that her job isn't progressing this campus any further than when she began. Should we continue to pay "Dense Betty" a salary to improve race relations between students when she admitted during an earlier interview that the problem hasn't gotten any better.

For the past five years she has continually planned the same two meetings every week. When she was asked earlier this semester how race relations were developing, she initially answered, "I don't know." She then followed that response by saying that the administration and the students need to take action.

Well, didn't the administration already take action by hiring her? Perhaps the students should take

"I've often written if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Well, it's broke so let's get the friggin' tools and fix it."

action by demanding her resignation and filling her position with someone who understands what is needed to improve race relations on campus.

I've often written if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Well, it's broke so let's get the friggin' tools and fix it.

Dense Betty doesn't do her job and should be replaced. She spends her day finding fault with students and not enough time planning discussions that will contribute or benefit relations between students of different backgrounds. She should be fired.

With few exceptions, I have heard no one compliment this woman's performance. In my opinion, most students and faculty seem to agree that the woman should be deposed and we should begin to look for a replacement but no one is taking action.

Once again our money gets flushed down the toilet with the same old crap from this university.

Can you believe she has the gall to blow the whistle on a student organization when her job is done so poorly. I'm not sure how the other students present at the meeting felt but I think it is a damn shame that this school pays her so much money when there are student clubs and organizations grossly underfunded. I was embarrassed for the other students at the utter stupidity of specific members of the Diversity Board.

And yet I felt bad for some of them because it seemed like they had no idea what was going on. It probably looked to them like we were ambushing them, but we weren't. All we wanted to do was answer the questions and improve our newspaper. But now they've pushed. They've lined us up in their sights and have their finger on the trigger. In the exact words of Dense Betty, "the Flashlight it the target."

Well, we're packing heat and aiming back. Now Dense Betty has become my target. The only difference between the Flashlight and Dense Betty is that she produces very little on this campus and serves few, if any, of the students.

That is not to say that the Flashlight does not think this University needs a multi-cultural division. The students who come to Mansfield University from other countries needs a liaison between them and the other students who have the advantage of speaking fluent English and understanding societal norms.

But how effective are the International Discussion Hour and the Ebony Discussion Hour? I've gone to some of these discussions for both groups and I never met anyone from another country in them. The African American students and international students I have met since coming to Mansfield University I have met at functions not supported by this campus.

It's broke, let's start fixing.

Bambi, you bastard! Prepare to meet your Maker!

by Mark R. Chellgren

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — It was one of those obscure short film subjects that ran before the feature, along with the previews and the commercials for the overpriced popcorn in the lobby. The title was "Bambi meets Godzilla."

One of the title characters, Bambi, was shown romping through flowered fields.

Final scene: Godzilla stomps Bambi.

Squashed. Flatter than road kill. Bambi romps no more.

End of Bambi. (This was in the days before Disney Inc. was so jealous of its copyright.) End of short subject. The whole thing lasted about a minute, credits included.

Cut to an otherwise dark and deserted highway in Kentucky. A Buick is tooling along, rounds a curve and meets Bambi, or at least a relative. The outcome is sometimes not as clear-cut

as Bambi meeting Godzilla. And sometimes the Buick suffers as much as Bambi.

There may be a lesson to be learned from these scenes for the Task Force On Funding For Wildlife Conservation.

The task force was created by the 1996 General Assembly because the Department of Fish and Wildlife says it doesn't have enough money. The department this year is budgeted to spend about \$26 million, just under \$7 million of it from the federal government and the remainder largely from the proceeds of hunting and fishing licenses and boat registrations.

A number of issues threaten that funding. Fewer people are buying hunting and fishing licenses, plus there is an exemption for people over age 65. The department told the task force that it needs \$5 million more each year until 2003 just to keep up current programs. And even with a \$5 increase in license fees every five years, the department said

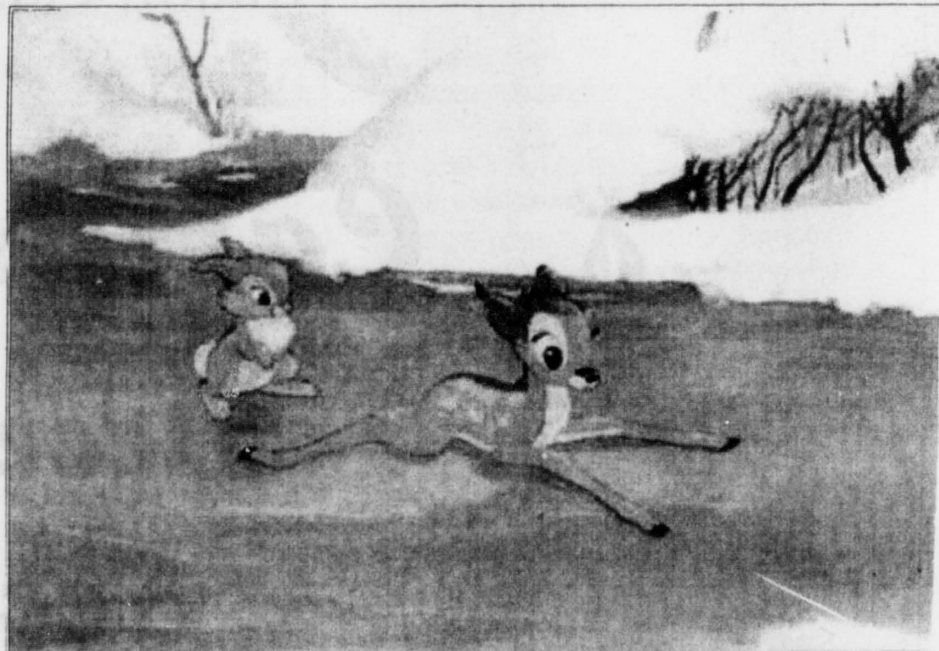


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The Disney character Bambi of world-wide fame.

it will run \$30 million short by 2010.

To set the scene, then, Bambi is in big trouble.

And so are Thumper, Flower and the rest of the little forest creatures.

There may be some contradictions here. The department's raison d'être is to maintain habitat for wildlife so people can go out and see them. Now, the fact that a fair percentage of those people are also intent on killing Bambi and strapping its carcass to the hood of a pickup may seem to be some threat to wildlife as well. But the conflict does not seem to be a huge issue in the task force report.

There is at least one item in the report that may be facing a Bambi-like fate.

In order to raise more money, the task force recommended eliminating the free licenses for people over 65 and disabled and charging them \$5. When

the over-65 crowd gets wind of that idea, they'll make a stink the likes of which Flower could only aspire to.

But the real thumper, if you will, is a proposal to ask the General Assembly to vote to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot to raise the sales tax by one-eighth of a cent. The voters would be left with the decision on whether to impose the tax.

The task force estimated the tax increase would raise about \$35 million a year. Although 1-48th of the current tax would be about \$43 million next year. And even though the task force said half the money should go to other agencies that conserve wildlife, Fish and Wildlife would still wind up with a budget increase of more than 50 percent.

Somebody should warn Bambi that Godzilla is coming. It might not be that long until Godzilla starts thinking venison is good for him.

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Brother and sister charged with incest (icky!)

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A brother and sister who have had at least three children together were sentenced to prison Tuesday for incest days after the woman gave birth to another child.

The 45-year old man was sentenced to eight years. His 30-year-old sister received five years. They faced a maximum of 10 years.

"I believe severe punishment is required in this case," Milwaukee County Circuit Judge David Hansher said. The judge said he believed if the

siblings were freed they would have sex again. "They have to be separated."

Hansher said he gave the woman a lighter sentence because she was younger and was more cooperative with authorities than her brother.

The two defendants sat at the same table, separated by one of their attorneys. They did not look at each other during the nearly two-hour proceeding.

The brother, tall and thin with shoulder-length blonde hair, answered "no" in a soft voice when the judge asked if he had any comment. He wiped his eyes briefly when the sentence was read.

His sister, her voice breaking, asked for leniency. "I just want to have a

chance to be out there," she said. "I'd separate from my brother. I just want to have a chance."

The woman, her blonde hair pulled away from her face, cried softly at times during the sentencing and at one point accepting tissues from a court officer.

The two were convicted of felony incest last month and had remained in jail until their sentencing. The woman gave birth to a girl Saturday, and the child was taken into protective custody. It had not been determined who fathered the baby.

The siblings also had lost custody of the three children they had to-

gether. The sister also had a child by a different man when she was a teen-ager and gave the baby up for adoption.

The woman was removed from her home by the state and adopted at age 7, court records show. Her biological family appeared at her home on her 18th birthday and she went to live with them.

The woman was voluntarily sterilized after the latest birth, said her attorney, James Weber. His client decided she did not want any more children, he said.

Weber and Neil McGinn, the brother's attorney, said they will appeal and that the siblings have agreed to end their sexual relationship.

Mr. Bean could be a real hit with those crazy kids

Wayne LaForme
staff critic

This week's film is *Bean* (PG-13). It was directed by Richard Curtis and stars Rowan Atkinson in the title role.

The first question I had going into this film was, who is *Bean*? I soon learned that this film was based on the British television show "Mr. Bean" and

that it is one of the most popular comedies in the world. The movie itself has already raked in \$100 million before coming to the states.

The character Mr. Bean is like a slapstick comedian from the silent era only with an edge. From his first appearance in the movie it is apparent he exists in his own world, and only comes out when it is absolutely necessary. He rarely speaks in the television show, but in the film it is necessary for him to speak a little

to carry it along. Most of the time he uses his sounds and expressions to get his point across. All of these things get him into troublesome and funny situations.

The movie begins in London where Mr. Bean is a guard at an art gallery. He is chosen to host the unveiling of "Whistler's mother" in Los Angeles. The board of curators, who think he is the worst employee ever, change his title to Dr. Bean and send him off to America as a real representative.

When he reaches the US he is hosted by a museum curator played by Peter MacNicol, whose job depends on Dr. Bean's speech. It does not take long for MacNicol's wife (Pamela Reed) and kids to get angry at Bean and move out. Dr. Bean is soon figured out and he spends the rest of the film trying to fix things.

Overall the movie is interesting and very funny. This critic gives it a thumbs up and a B!!!

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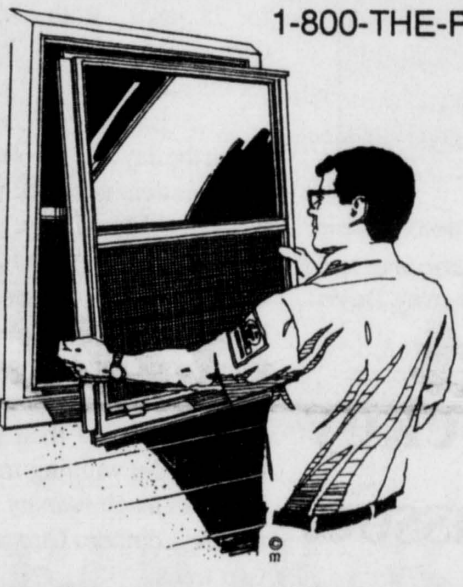
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The Flashlight

Friday, Nov. 14 1997

Mounties defeat Cheyney for first win of the season

by Joe Wagner
sports editor

The Mansfield Mountaineers football team salvaged what would have so far been a winless season last Saturday when they played the Cheyney Wolves at home on rain-soaked and muddy Karl Van Norman field.

Mansfield got the 20-7 victory against the winless Wolves to make their PSAC record 1-5 going into their last game of the season.

Mansfield's underclassmen shone in this outing on both offense and defense.

Three sophomores led the Mountie offense to their second straight game where they have scored more than 20 points in the contest. Sophomore quarterback Lucas Smith tossed two touchdown passes, one to sophomore fullback Nate Davis and the other to senior wide out Pete Herchik.

Davis, a Wellsboro native, caught two balls on the afternoon including a touchdown and provided good blocking for sophomore runningback Lee Brannon.

Brannon churned out 166 yards on 35 carries. Brannon's fine running, 292 yards in the last two games, have helped make up for the loss of senior

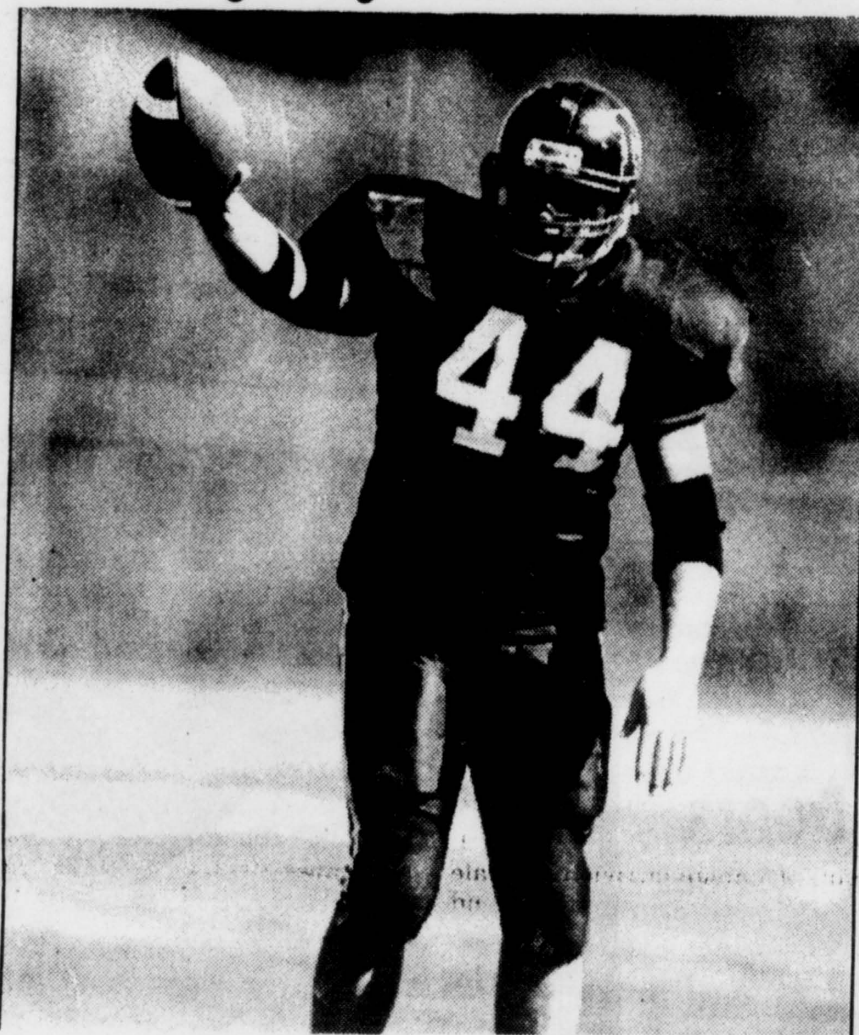


photo by Thad Woodward

Nate Davis helped the Mountaineers to their first victory of the season with two catches including a touchdown against Cheyney University last Saturday. Davis is now the Mountaineers pass catching leader for this season.

runningback Jason Donadi.

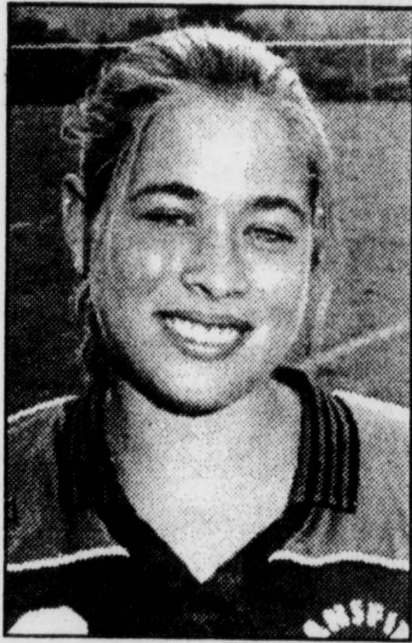
With the offensive improvement, the Mountaineers have more than doubled their average offensive scoring margin in the last two games. In their first seven games, Mansfield was outscored 309-70. In the past two games the Mounties have outscored their opponents 42-30 while picking up their first win of the season.

Freshman linebacker Gabe Kamarousky led the Mansfield defense with 12 tackles on the day. Freshman Matt Vance also had seven tackles.

The senior tandem from Berwick, J.J. Cleaver and John Lipsey, also were instrumental in the Mountie win. Cleaver was awarded the PSAC-East Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts. He made eight tackles and had two sacks from his cornerback position. Cleaver also had a game-ending interception which he returned for 38 yards. With his performance, Cleaver went over the 200 tackle mark for his career at Mansfield University.

Lipsey contributed six tackles on the day and two sacks of his own from his defensive line position. This week the Mountaineers take on the defending PSAC champions the Clarion Golden Eagles. Clarion has hit hard by losing 22 players from last year's squad and struggled at the beginning of the season. They have, however, turned their program back towards the winning track by defeating Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Edinboro University in the last two weeks.

Vitale and Carey named to field hockey All-American team honors by Coaches assoc.



Shanna Vitale

by Jason Feather
assist. sports editor

Tandy Carey (Newville/Big Spring) and Shanna Vitale became the first players in Mountaineer history to earn All-American recognition when they were named to second team honors by the National Field Hockey Coaches' Association today.

Hopewell Junction's Shanna Vitale led the Mansfield University Mountaineers field hockey team list of All-PSAC nominations with ten goals and two assists, earning her First Team All-American Honors.

The sophomore forward, and graduate of John Jay High school, is the second player in school history to earn the first team honors.



Tandy Carey

"It was great to receive the honor and I was very pleased with the way everybody played this year," Vitale said. "It was good to see that two Mansfield field hockey players were recognized because we played very hard."

She finished seventh in the conference in scoring with her 22 points, and started all 16 games for the Mountaineers.

Shanna, the daughter of Alfred and Grace Vitale, has not declared her major at Mansfield University.

Newville's Tandy Carey, a senior co-captain and midfielder, led the team in points with 24, ranking her fifth in the conference in scoring.

For the season, Carey posted eight goals to go along with eight assists while starting all 16 games for

the Mountaineers.

"It was the icing on the cake of my career here," Carey said. "A lot of hard work and dedication has paid off."

The Big Spring High School graduate is the daughter of Dale and Deb Carey. She will graduate in May with her degree in criminal justice administration.

Vestal's (Ny) Jamie Huffcut, a freshman back, was third on the team in scoring with five goals while adding five assists this season. She started all 16 games for the Mountaineers.

The Vestal High School graduate is the daughter of Ron Huffcut, and is a criminal justice major.

Montrose's Misty Drasher, a freshman back anchored the defensive backfield along side Huffcut. She was credited with two assists while leading the team with four defensive saves this season.

The George Washington High School graduate is the daughter of Stephen and Debby Drasher, and a criminal justice administration major.

The four players helped lead the Mountaineers team to a 9-7 overall record and the first winning season since 1985. The nine wins for the Mountaineers ties the school record for wins in a season with the 1984 team.

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Ruppel takes over the helm Women hoopsters look to improve

Taking over a program that posted a 6-20 record last season and lost five seniors, four of which were starters, new head coach Luke Ruppel knows the 1997-98 campaign is going to be a challenge.

While many coaches would dread entering a season this inexperienced, Ruppel, who has taken over teams in similar shape during his career and built them into winning programs, sees plenty of opportunity for the future.

What the 1997-98 Mountaineers lack in experience, size, and raw talent, they make up in commitment, desire and work ethic. They will need every ounce of those assets for any hope of improvement on last year's record.

Ruppel does have seven players returning from last year's team to hopefully build a foundation for the future. What he will be searching for in the pre-season are players who can help the Mountaineers improve on last year's 61.4 points per game average (13th in the PSAC) and 35.1 shooting percentage (14th in the conference).

The offense all starts with senior Cheryl Farabaugh (Altoona/Altoona) the

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only returning starter from last season. Farabaugh averaged 3.5 points and 3.2 assist at point guard for he 1996-97 season. A two-year starter, Farabaugh will be expected to increase her scoring output this season while using her senior leadership to direct and set the offense.

Senior Jill Masker will start at the two guard. A three-year letterwinner and part-time starter during her career, Masker, was last season's third leading scorer averaging 8.0 points per game. A quick and aggressive player, Masker can penetrate to the hoop as well as knock down the three where she topped the team last season with treys. Nicole Cacciavillano (Swarthmore/Ridley), who saw limited action as a freshman, should see more playing time this season.

Look for senior Jackie Williams and freshman Marisa Davis (Philadelphia/St. Hubert's) to compete for the starting nod at the three spot. Williams has been a key reserve for the past three seasons and is one of the hardest working players on the team. In 13 games last season Williams averaged 1.3 points per game. Sophomore

Colleen Doherty (Upper Darby/Upper Darby) could be the best pure shooter on the team and averaged 1.7 points per game as a freshman last season. She will see plenty of action at either the two or three position as should freshman Colleen Krysiak (Westfield/Cowanesque Valley)

Junior Lauren Marhn (Kunkletown/Pleasant Valley) should start at the four position where she played in 24 games last season averaging 1.8 points per game. Freshman Pine Funmaker (Minneapolis,MN/Washburn) and sophomore Jennifer Reschke (Owego,NY/Owego Free Academy) will provide backup.

The biggest key to the season may lie with junior Tracy Moser (Lancaster/J.P. McCaskey) at the five spot. In 25 games last season, Moser averaged 4.5 points and 5.3 rebounds. The 6-1 Moser's ability to rebound and score underneath could go a long way to letterwinning the Mounties success. Junior Stephanie Kenney (Reading/Muhlenberg) joins the team where at 6-0, she will provided backup for Moser.

Michigan State U. tailgaters

The Blue Bomber, fires and pee

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)-Debbie Madison and her roommates used to bring their big, blue couch to Michigan State football games each Saturday-- something many fans followed as their tailgate party tradition.

"The ritual is over."

Terry Denbow

But the school is cracking down on the practice of people bringing old furniture to Munn Field outside Spartan Stadium, citing concerns after several couches and chairs were set on fire.

"People that bring old stuffed furniture won't be allowed in," university spokesman Terry Denbow told the Lansing State Journal for a story Tuesday.

"This ritual is over," Denbow said.

Alcohol abuse and trash problems, including the furniture fires,

have prompted school officials to review Munn's role in the tailgating scheme for next season.

A final decision on whether to allow fans to park there next year will be made in December or January, said Roger Wilkinson, vice president for finance and operations.

There were fewer tailgating problems with Munn closed, Denbow said. Some Michigan State University students, however felt slighted by the decision.

"It had a good affect on behavior," he said. "We had fewer incidents of underage drinking, urinating in public and no burning of couches and chairs."

Ms. Madison said games won't be the same without her couch, affectionately dubbed the "Blue Bomber."

"It's ridiculous," said the 21-year-old communications major.

"I understand sometimes people burn them. But couches are part of tailgating. I can't imagine how it would be without it."

Athlete of the Week



JJ Cleaver

Mansfield University senior defensive back JJ Cleaver was named the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Eastern Division Defensive Player of the Week for his outstanding performance in a 20-7 win over Cheyney University Saturday.

Against Cheyney, Cleaver (Berick/Berwick HS) racked up eight tackles, including six solo's and one for a loss at his corner back position. He also was credited with two sacks, an interception and 38-yard return and a pass breakup in the endzone while going over the 200 career tackle milestone.

For the season, the senior ranks second on the team in tackles with 75, including five for losses for a total 23-yards. Cleaver also tops the team with nine pass breakups and is second in sacks with three for 15-yards. He has one interception for a 38-yard return.

A three-year starter, Cleaver ranks among the defensive backfield career leaders in tackles with 202, 152 of them solo, seven tackles for a loss, three sacks, 19 pass breakups and five interceptions.

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The many past faces of Mansfield University

A look back at more than one hundred years of history that shaped this university

This is a timeline which illustrates the some of the major points in the history of Mansfield University starting with the school's opening in 1857 and leading all the way up to the present day.

1857 - Mansfield Classical Seminary opens with 105 students on January 7.

1857 - Mansfield Classical Seminary destroyed by fire on April 22.

1859 - Mansfield Classical Seminary re-opens amid financial problems.

1862 - Mansfield Classical Seminary is renamed Mansfield State Normal School on July 2.

1874 - North Hall is dedicated. A letter from President Ulysses S. Grant is received and read at the ceremony.

1891 - North Hall is renovated and used as the ladies' dorm.

1891 - Mansfield State Normal School football team plays in world's first night football game.

1893 - Separate academic departments are established. 75 - 80% of all students are teacher education majors.

1898 - The Music department is established.

1898 - Electricity comes to Mansfield State Normal School.

1899 - The Business department is established.

1901 - Free tuition to all students.

1902 - Three year Conservatory Course of Music is established.

1908 - North Hall renovation completed. Alumni Hall renovated. Showers installed in South Hall. Auditorium renovated.

1911 - Home Economics department is established.

1912 - 50th Anniversary as Mansfield State Normal School is celebrated.

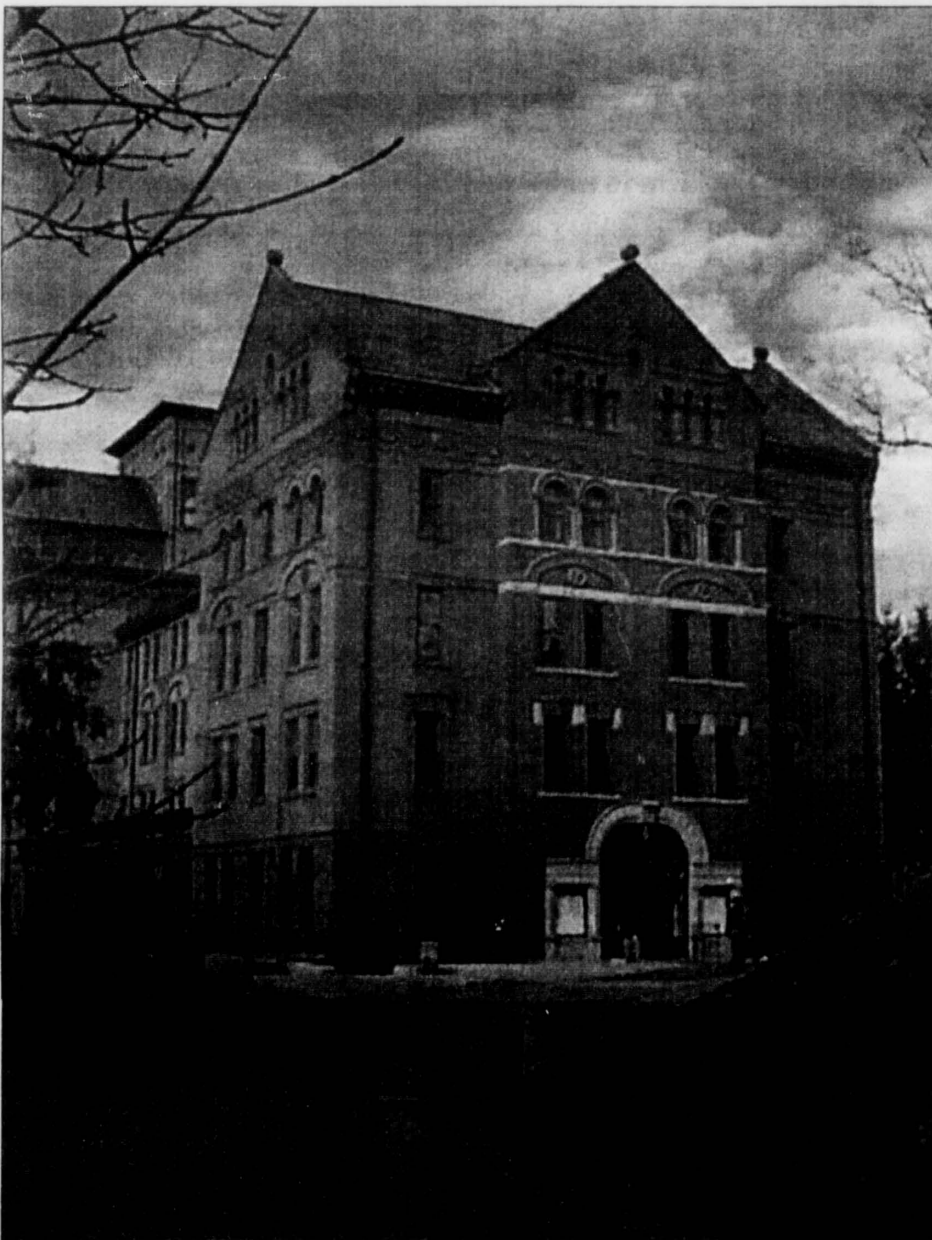
1912 - Track is established.

1918 - Spanish influenza epidemic.

1920 - President's house built.

1926 - The *Flashlight* is established.

1927 - Mansfield State Normal School is renamed Mansfield State Teachers College.



The North Hall library as it appears today.

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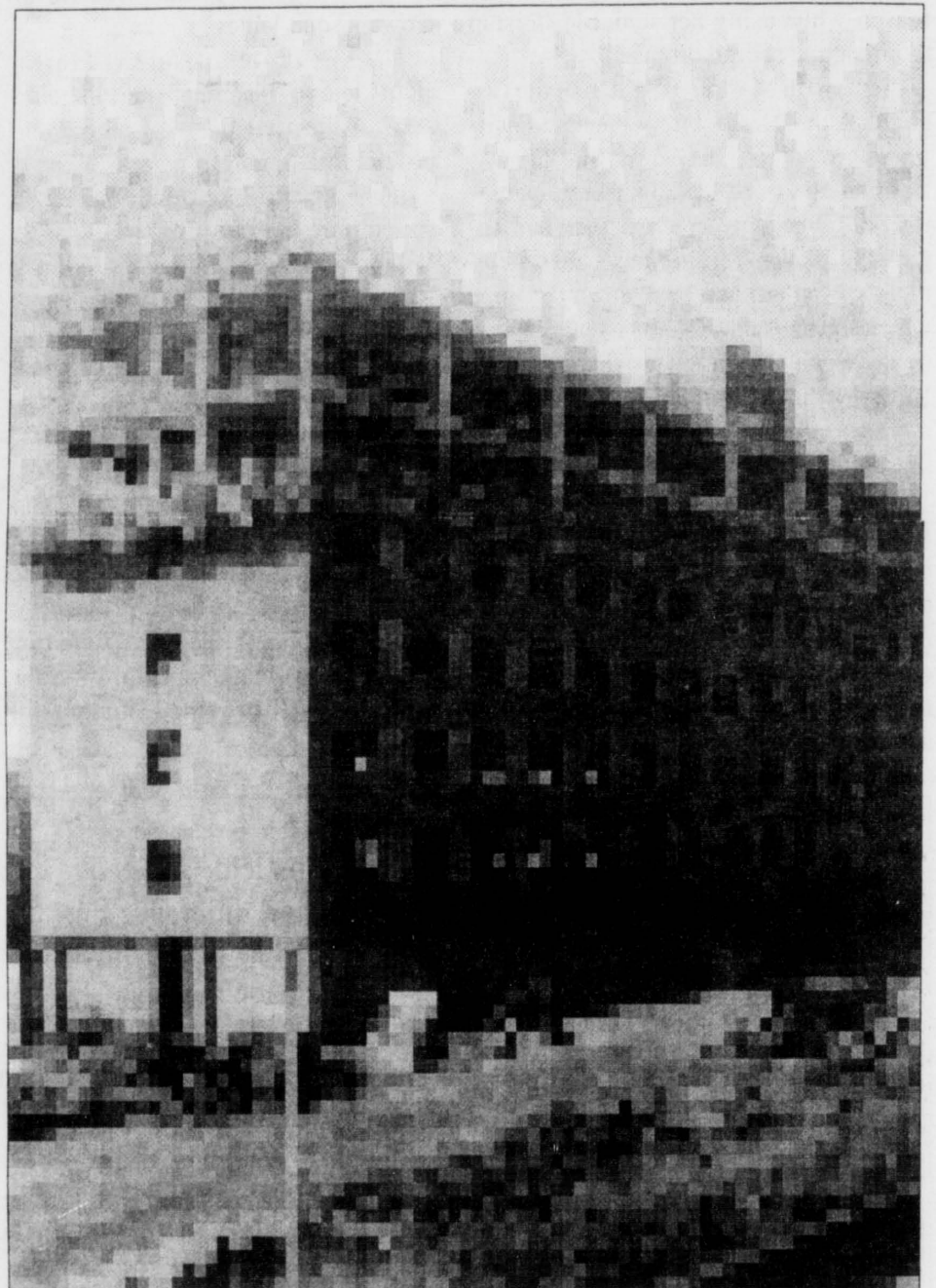


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Laurel dorm being constructed in 1967.

1929 - Boys basketball team wins state championship.

1930 - Straughn Auditorium is built.

1938 - Football team wins state championship.

1940 - Home Economics center and Retan are built.

1941 - A woman is editor of the *Flashlight*.

1950 - South Hall is demolished.

1951 - Grant Science center is built.

1957 - 100th Anniversary is celebrated.

1959 - The new Alumni Hall is built.

1959 - Eleanor Roosevelt speaks at Mansfield State Teachers College.

1960 - Mansfield State Teachers College is renamed Mansfield State College.

1964 - Basketball team goes to

national playoffs.

1966 - The graduate program is established.

1969 - Memorial Hall is built.

1969 - Mohammed Ali speaks at Mansfield State Teachers College.

1969 - Six dorms, Manser, Butler, and the Hut are built.

1974 - Streaking becomes a popular activity on campus.

1975 - Basketball team wins state championship.

1983 - Mansfield State College is renamed Mansfield University.

1983 - Rod Kelchner becomes university president.

1983 - Cedarcrest is built.

1996 - North Hall renovation is completed.

1997 - The Recreation center is built.

Information for timeline compiled by Katie Evans.

Calendar

Friday 14, 1997

6pm - Swimming away at Lock Haven University.
8pm - Piano Recital in Steadman Theatre.

Saturday 15, 1997

10pm - Wrestling away at Binghamton Colonial Open.
1pm - Football away at Clarion University.
1pm - Swimming away at Lycoming College.
1pm - Trombone/Oboe Recital

in Steadman Theatre.

3pm - Percussion Recital in Steadman Theatre.
8pm - Jazz Ensemble in Steadman Theatre.

Sunday 16, 1997

3pm - Orchestra Concert in Steadman Theatre.
4:30pm - Flashlight meeting in 217 Memorial Hall.
7pm - Meet the Composers in Steadman Theatre.
9pm - Student Government

Association meeting in 204 Memorial Hall.

Tuesday 18, 1997

3:30pm - MU Lecture Series "Plant Ecology in Yellowstone National Park" in North Manser Dining Hall.
1pm - Ebony Discussion Hour in MLK Center, Memorial Hall.
6pm - Women's Basketball away at Daemen College.
7:30pm - Men's Basketball away at Lock Haven University.

Thursday 20, 1997

1pm - International Discussion Hour in MLK Center, Memorial Hall.

"When it's snowing outside that's the way I feel inside."

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Executive secretary awaits change of Mansfield presidents



photo by McCallus

Pictured above is Marlene Herbst, President Kelchner's secretary of 15 years

by Darren A. Meehan
managing editor

Mansfield University President Rod Kelchner's retirement will affect many people on this campus in many ways, but his departure won't affect anyone as much as it will Marlene Herbst.

Herbst, who has been Kelchner's executive secretary for more than 15 years, recalls her advancements at Mansfield University since beginning in the History Department in 1974.

"I remember the change from working in a department to administration, and I was nervous," she said. "But my husband said, 'how do you know if you can do it if you don't try?'"

Regardless of any stress or tension in her work, Herbst believes she is

responsible for her own destiny. Despite the fact that she worked full time for the University while raising three children with her husband, Bill, she finds many positive things about her career with MU and has no regrets.

"I look at things as opportunities. I'm a firm believer that you make your own opportunities," she said. "Life is what you make it. Whether it's working, or your personal life, it's what you make it. I guess I live like that."

In the wake of Kelchner's decision to retire, Herbst's job now depends on his replacement. But even if the new president decides to hire someone else for her job, Herbst would like to remain at MU.

"I serve at the pleasure of the president. The president chooses whom-ever he or she wishes," she said. "My

hope is that, if I'm not asked to keep on here (as executive secretary), I'd like to go back to working in a department."

Working in a department afforded her the opportunity to work closer and more regularly with students.

Although her current responsibilities include preparing the three commencement exercises every year for the school, she misses the more regular interaction with students.

"You don't get the student contact in this office that you have in departments," she said.

But she also added that there are some benefits as executive secretary to the president.

"I like the diversity of this of-

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Psychology Club cosponsors antidepressants lecture

by Thomas A. Jones
wire editor

The Mansfield University Psychology Club and the Nurse's Association sponsored a lecture by Dan Egli, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist on Thursday, November 20, at 7:00pm.

The lecture, entitled "Psychopharmacology for Major Depression: An Overview of Anti-Depressant", was held in North Manser Dining Hall and was open to everyone.

"A lot of work I do is collaborative with physicians on medication," said Egli to begin his speech.

Egli immediately gave the crowd a true-false test regarding stereotypes and typical opinions of depression. He stressed that major depression does not affect only weak people, and that antidepressant drugs are not addictive.

"Some healthy people do go into depression," said Egli. "How can that be, how can that happen?"

He suggested that a chemical imbalance could be at the root of the problem.

"There is no way we can detect if someone has a chemical imbalance," said Egli. "There are differences between healthy grieving, healthy sad-

ness, and clinical depression."

He said that some usual signs of depression include, but are not limited to: decreased desires, anhedonia (loss of pleasure, i.e. sex, food, and sleep), loss of concentration and crying spells.

Egli suggested that there are three areas that symptoms of depression can be grouped in. Cognitive symptoms, which are typified by mental abnormalities, Subjective Symptoms, usually associated with self-destructive attitudes, and Physical Symptoms, such as low energy or not sleeping or eating well.

"Medications," said Egli, "are used for depression to make people happier. Anti-Depressants are not addicting."

Egli then asked the crowd why it is that many people with some form of depression refuse drugs. He suggested that people refuse drugs for several reasons. Side-effects, fear of addiction and fear of showing weakness are the top reasons.

Although Egli acknowledged that there are sometimes side-effects, he said that the fear of addiction and a fear of showing weakness are unfounded.

Egli then went on to describe the several types of drugs used in treating depression.

"The first group is tricyclic an-

tidepressants (THA)," said Egli. "These are basically antiquated."

THA has many side affects, is hard to take, can be toxic, and is sometimes lethal in overdoses, he said.

MAOI was the next type of drug he spoke about. Nordill and Parnate are examples of MAOI type drugs.

"Currently, in the US there are 2 of them," said Egli. "A lot of things you can't eat with them because of dietary restrictions."

SSRI is the technical name of drugs like Prozac. SSRI drugs are reluctant inhibitors, Egli said.

He also spoke about the fact that SSRI has many side-affects, including headaches, upset stomach, and sexual dysfunction.

Atypical drugs, he stressed, have a minimal impact on sexual dysfunction and are generally well tolerated.

"This one is called Atypical because they don't know how it works," said Egli.

Another type of drug is SNRI. SNRI is not really any better tolerated, it is not better, nor is it cheaper than other drugs.

"One of the concerns with it is an increase in blood pressure," Egli said.

SNRI/5-HT2a is similar to SNRI.

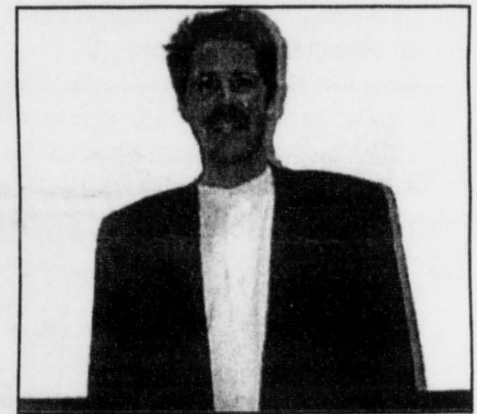


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Clinical Psychologist Dan Egli

"There is no difference in how it works," said Egli. "One of the problems with the new ones is cost."

Egli ended his presentation with the last type of drug. Anti-Depressant Efficacy. AD Efficacy drugs are anti-anxiety medications that some psychiatrists and psychologists believe cures depression, said Egli.

Amanda Capone, Mansfield University Senior said, "It was very informative. He was definitely a capable speaker. I hope to see him back again."

Professor Peter A. Keller of the Psychology department said, "I thought it went very well."

Mansfield University trustees add four new members

special to the Flashlight

The Mansfield University Council of Trustees welcomed four new members on Thursday, Nov. 20.

The terms of trustees James Carlson, Peggy Carter, Thomas Ford and Merle McCalips were not renewed. They were replaced by Robert Strohecker, Ada Mae Saxton, Marijo Heffner and Ralph Meyer.

Strohecker is a Mansfield native and a 1991 university graduate. He did graduate work in optometry in Philadelphia. Saxton is from Harrisburg. She earned a masters degree in music from Mansfield and did graduate work at Penn State. Heffner has taken classes at Mansfield and told the council that one of her interests is in education. Ralph Meyer is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Guthrie Clinic. He is originally from Wisconsin. He went to college at Syracuse and Michigan.

Trustee Lewis Lee also re-

placed McCalips as the chairperson. Trustee Carol Tama was elected as vice chairperson.

Lee also reported to the trustees that the presidential search committee has 68 applicants and 13 nominations that could become applicants to replace president Rodney Kelchner. Kelchner announced that he will retire in July 1998.

"We have been working studiously to narrow down the field of candidates," Lee said.

In other business, the trustees heard committee reports that dealt primarily with proposed renovations in the near future.

Academic affairs chairperson Joseph Moore announced that almost every academic facility will be undergoing renovations.

Student affairs chairperson Joseph Maresco announced that engineering reports for the dorms and Manser Dining Hall have also been completed. He said that the reports were drawn up to keep the buildings up to standard.

He added that renovations would be spread out. This is because the renovations would be funded with dorm fees. One major project would drive dorm costs up too much.

Finance committee chairperson William Yost announced that various state funds will be available to pay for the projects.

In other financial matters, development chairperson Leslie Folmer announced that donations to the university from July 1 until Oct. 16 totaled \$476,000. Last fiscal year, the university raised only \$554,000 for the whole year.

Maresco also said that architects would soon be drawing up plans to convert Alumni Hall into a new student center. He hopes that it will open in the spring of 1999. He noted that the date is not concrete.

"It will cost student \$28 per semester," he said. This is because the project was voted on and approved by students.

There were a few other items

discussed.

Moore announced that the general education curriculum may be undergoing some changes. Such changes will not happen until at least 1999, however.

"We are not going to implement these changes with a new president," Moore said. "We want to review them with president Kelchner's successor first."

General education accounts for about 40 percent of a student's classes.

Moore also announced that the academic affairs committee is ready to move forward with plans for a community service center to help strengthen the university's commitment to community service.

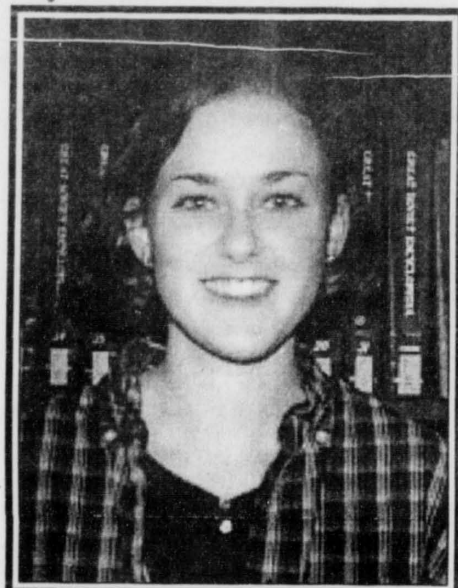
Finally, Maresco announced that there is a page on the university's Internet site that has a list of university activities. This is updated daily.

Public relations director Dennis Miller noted that the name of the site has changed. The new address is www.mansfield.edu but it can still be accessed at the old address for now.

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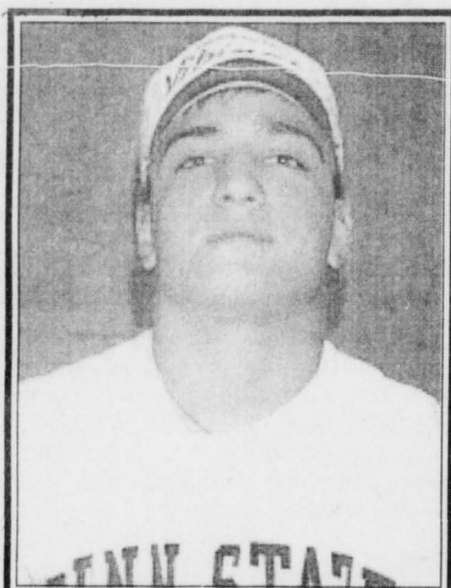
"Do you feel you have gotten your moneys worth out of the Mansfield Activities Council this semester?"

by Brent McCallus



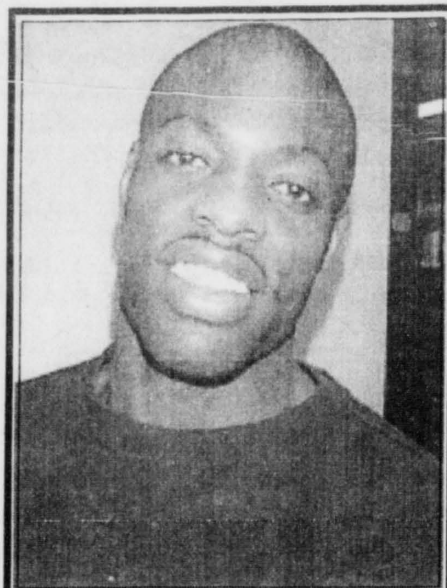
Michele Calkins
Sophomore

"I haven't been active in any activities, but I think they are doing a good job."



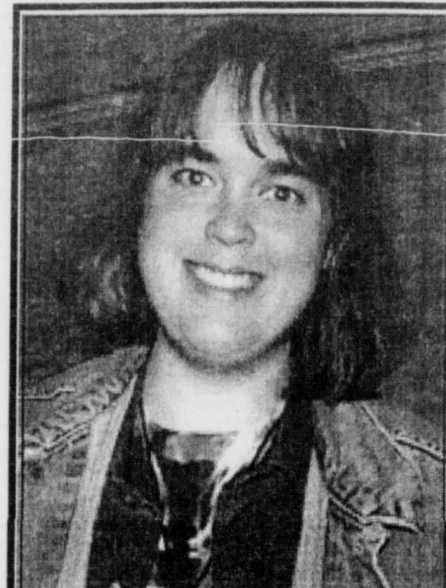
Jason Baine
Freshman

"I wish they would bring more big names, and bigger bands and country artists."



Tyson Pye
Junior

"We need more activities, and movies. It would be nice to have something to look forward to every week."



Liz Visotski
Freshman

"No, I don't believe they have been doing a good job this semester."

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face," she said. "The work in this office changes on a daily basis. I'm given more freedom here."

With all the freedom she might feel in her office, she is not free from change. But she sees change as impending and an chance for improvement.

"Change is always imminent and a part of life; you just hope the next person is kind and caring and wants to move the school in the right direction,"

she said. "Change is not all bad, it can be good."

When the new president begins his work trying to move the school in the right direction, other administrators on campus feel she will be an integral part of the process. Joe Maresco, Vice President of Student Affairs, sees Herbst as partly responsible for the direction Kelchner's replacement takes the school and describes her as an "always pleasant person with genuine concern

for the University and a credit to the president."

"Ms. Herbst will make sure whomever comes in is pointed in the right direction," he said.

Maresco added that she is, "very accommodating, particularly to the students."

Over the years, Herbst has seen many students come and go. And as times change, so do the students, she said.

"I think students know more about where they're going," she said. "I think they're more open to people and they're more understanding and maybe more mature than they were twenty years ago."

While Herbst admitted that today's students are more interested in a multitude of things, female students have taken advantage of the chance to learn.

"The female students are what I think has changed," she said. "They're more aggressive about where they want to be because the opportunities weren't there 20 years ago and they're willing to sacrifice."

She doesn't want to imply that women are too aggressive, but "there are so many more opportunities today."

When she finishes at MU, Herbst hopes to spend her days baking, gardening and playing with her three grandchildren. Although not vein, she also hopes someone helps her the way she has helped others.

"It's nice to be able to help people because I'm going to hit the retirement road someday and I hope someone will be there for Marlene," she said.

But her willingness to help is not tempered with selfishness. She added that the good feeling helping others is its own reward.

"It's fulfilling to help someone when they need it," she said.

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SGA prepares for next semester at meeting

Darren A. Meehan
managing editor

With finals week approaching and next semester looming closely, Mansfield University's Student Government Association discussed plans for the Spring '98 semester during their Monday, November 17th meeting.

Bill Weimer informed SGA of a debate concerning halogen lights in dormitories. He said the All Residence

Hall Council would meet Tuesday, November 18th and decide if the lights were a considerable fire hazard to the students living on campus.

Since the meeting, resident assistants in the five dormitories have begun informing residents to take the lights home with them over the Winter break, although no official notice has been issued.

Weimer also joined fellow senator Matt Fogg while they addressed the future of the Endless Mountains Trans-

portation Authority. In a close defeat, a motion to have SGA donate \$1000 to EMTA for next semester was denied by a 10-9-4 count.

A follow-up motion made by Fogg and approved by SGA requested that SGA appear before the Committee on Finance and request \$4000 for the bus service.

EMTA shuttles students around campus and to stores and shopping malls in the surrounding communities and go as far as the Arnot Mall in New York on

weekends.

SGA Parliamentarian Rustin Kreider also advised senators to encourage students to have back-up disks as finals week approaches. Students using computers throughout the campus should use caution according to Kreider because "viruses seem to be running rampant."

The final SGA meeting for the Fall semester will be held December 1 in room 205 Memorial Hall at 9:00 PM.

Student organization of the week: Kappa Alpha Psi

Lone brother of last black fraternity hopes for raised membership, University recognition

Lisa Carpenter
staff reporter

Many organizations on campus suffer because of lack of student involvement. Kappa Alpha Psi, a black fraternity which exists on campus, has been struggling with such a problem for a couple of years now.

There is currently only one member, Darren DeVoue, who is determined to keep the fraternity alive. Although DeVoue is not recognized by the University and must wait for actual recognition as a brother, he persists.

As the lone member of a national fraternity, DeVoue faces many obstacles when trying to once again gain the university and national recognition which his alumni brothers worked hard to achieve.

The fraternity, which has existed at Mansfield University since Jan

5, 1989 and was originally founded by ten men at Indiana University of Pennsylvania at Bloomsburg, has a rich history.

According to DeVoue, it was founded on the basis of achievement and had a goal of encouraging black students to strive for higher goals because at the time of its foundation not many African Americans were attending college.

"There are currently around 250 Kappa Alpha Psi chapters worldwide," DeVoue said. "Our own is the Xi Eta chapter and the nearest chapters to us are at Bloomsburg and Penn State."

Among the famous alumni who have gone on to influence the history of the United States are Johnny Cochran, Arthur Ashe, and Wilt Chamberlain. But they have had some influential brothers here at Mansfield as well.

Jeff Clayvon was the first brother on campus and since then there have been many other brothers who have accomplished great things. "Most of the

alumni were very involved" DeVoue said, "From 1991 to 1996 we had the highest graduation rate and QPA."

The required QPA to become a brother is 2.3, three tenths of a point higher than most other fraternities.

At one point, in 1993, Kappa Alpha Psi did have 14 members but that number has been decreasing steadily since then.

DeVoue is making an effort to recruit new members in order to help regain recognition as a part of the national fraternity, something which he can't do alone.

"This is a full time job. It's something you have to work for but it offers many opportunities" DeVoue said.

Eventually he would like to build up enough support to put on a step show or party walk, events which are common activities for black fraternities. Step shows at Mansfield University have been missing for a couple of years, and DeVoue would like to bring them back.

He would also like to see a coffee drive (coffee given out on the side of the street for late night drivers) put together in the near future and would like to build interest in the Kappa Sweethearts, an auxiliary to the fraternity, evolve.

DeVoue has never considered quitting even though there are many things that he would like to see happen for the fraternity. But some things he hasn't been able to accomplish yet.

"I have considered the possibility of graduating and having no one here, though" DeVoue said.

DeVoue is very dedicated to his fraternity and wants to see it succeed, "I don't want to see anything die out that is really special to me" DeVoue said.

If you would like to join the fraternity or are interested in getting more information about it please call Darren DeVoue at 662-3928 or e-mail him at Devoused@mnsfld..

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Breakfast 7-9:30am
Lunch 10:30--1:15pm
Dinner 4:30-6:00pm

South Side 11-2:00pm
Gallery Store- 11am-3:00pm
Mountie Den 7:15-4:30pm

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23:00 Unknown person(s) used a sharp object to make scratches on vehicle parked in C-lot. Incident under investigation.

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00:50 Students reported to University Police that they received threatening phone call. Investigation continuing.

14:00 Theft of property. Individual took possession of jewelry at sale using invalid credit card. Jewelry returned to owner. Incident closed.

11/15/97

00:30 Fire extinguisher removed from its holder on sixth floor Maple B.

02:43 University Police responded to disturbance call sixth floor Maple. Female student on medication and alcohol. Transported to Soldiers and Sailors Medical Hospital in Wellsboro by Mansfield ambulance. She was treated and released. Incident is under investigation.

20:01 Turkey head hanging in stairwell of Cedarcrest A. Disposed of per University Police.

Two MU honor students lead lecture about Roman ruins dig

Thomas A. Jones

wire editor

The Mansfield University Honors Program presented "Digging for Roman Ruins" on Tuesday, November 18th, 1997 at 1:00 PM. The Presentation was held in the 6th Floor Community Room in North Hall. The presenters were honor students Jennifer Miller and Ian Kaiser.

Miller and Kaiser discussed their experiences this past summer on an archaeological dig of Roman and pre-Roman ruins. The two participated in the dig at the Arbeia Roman Fort near South Shields, England during the month

of June 1997.

"It's a fantastic program," said Kaiser. "We were working at an old fort from the 300-400 BC area."

Kaiser said that the two were excavating a burned out barracks building.

"We were trying to figure out what happened to it," said Kaiser.

The two found a whole piece of chainmail armor which, with other evidence, suggested that the building was burned as a result of some sort of conflict.

"The people of that area are really friendly," said Kaiser.

The dig was performed under the direction of the 1997 SSHE Summer Honors Program.

Tioga County judge speaks to Pre-Law club

Josh Cusatis
news editor

In a forum presented by the Mansfield University Pre-Law Club, Judge Robert Dalton, county judge for Tioga county, talked about that state of the court system in Tioga county.

Dalton said that in the time he has been in Tioga county he has decreased to backlog of cases.

"When I came in as county judge there was a 500 case backlog," Dalton said. "It took us the better part of three years to whittle that down. Now there are no cases pending beyond 6 months."

Dalton said that this is one of

the best rates in the state of Pennsylvania.

"In some of the counties like Erie or Dauphin you could have a 3 to 4 year wait for your case to go to trial," Dalton said.

Dalton then talked about the different areas of cases that exist and the situations that exist with those types of cases in Tioga county. The first type of case that he talked about was juvenile cases.

"The amount of juvenile cases that we get has more than doubled within past years," Dalton said. "It's not so much the quantity of the cases as it's the quality of them. Juveniles are committing more serious acts of crime at earlier ages."

Dalton then went on to talk

about the family court in Tioga county.

"The amount of divorce cases has increased within the past ten years," Dalton said. "These cases are mostly about the distribution of property which isn't hard."

Dalton added that there are inherent problems in the divorce court.

"The adversary system is not very good for child custody cases," Dalton said. "We've been getting in mediators to help with determining who gets custody of the children."

Dalton had little to say about criminal cases in Tioga county.

"We have about 500 adult, criminal cases a year in Tioga county," Dalton said. "That has been pretty constant for the past 8 to 10 years."

Dalton then brought people up

to date with a change in the area of elderly rights.

"People are no longer termed incompetent," Dalton said. "People are no deemed incapacitated."

Dalton concluded the forum by saying a few things about law in general.

"The law changes all of the time," Dalton said. "Laws are used as the shield and the sword. They can oppress people and they can also give freedom to people."

Dalton then quoted Thomas Aquinas to better define what the law is used for.

"A sensible moral system uses the law and human creativity to create a better society," Dalton said.

The Crucible addresses adultery and witch hunts in early America

by Brent McCallus
photo editor

Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* was presented in Allen Hall by the Psychology Club on Tuesday, November 18th.

Originally a play in the 1950's in defiance to the McCarthy Lynchings, the film was directed by Nicholas Hunter.

The movie is about the Salem Witch trials, set in Salem, Massachusetts in 1692. The plot begins with some of the village girls going into the woods to make a magic brew in the hope of fulfilling their dreams of love. Abigail Williams, played by Winona Ryder, is among the girls in the woods and wishes for love of the married John Proctor played by Daniel Day-Lewis, whom she has already had an affair with while working for the Proctor family.

While the girls are breaking the Puritan rules by dancing in the woods, they are found by the Reverend Samuel Parris (Bruce Davison). His daughter is among one of the participants and after being found falls into a coma of which she is faking in fear of punishment. Rumors of witchcraft spread through the Puritan community.

The girls, following Abigail's lead, blame Tituba, Parris' servant who is African-American. Reverend Parris beats a false confession out of Tituba that she has been recruited by the Devil. The girls then falsely names other villagers whom they have claimed to be working with the Devil.

Through this fear of the Devil and Witchcraft, the townspeople are unjustly arrested and accused of practicing witchcraft. If they did not deny that they were Witches they were sentenced to death by hanging.

Abigail uses her new power of accusing anyone and being believed, to accuse Proctor's wife of being a Witch. Abigail's hope is to be rid of Elizabeth Proctor so she can finally be with the man she loves, John Proctor.

After Proctor brings in one of the girls, Mary Warren, who works for Proctor, to testify before the court that the girls are lying. Unable to collapse on order by Judge Danforth, Warren is not believed and returns to the group of girls.

Proctor then admits his being with Abigail and how she is a whore who is trying to destroy his marriage. While Proctor and his wife now in separate jails

are waiting for the hanging, Abigail enters John's cell and offers to free him from jail by bribing the guard, if he will come with her to Boston.

He refuses. Proctor is asked by Judge Sewall to sign a confession to stop his own hanging. After emotionally signing the confession and regaining his self respect, he tears the document to pieces. He is then hung with two other townspeople.

Arthur Miller's play from the 50's speaks to today's audience in a film that examines the consequences of a Fundamentalist Religious views. The film presents what happens when the fear of truth and reality is substituted for religious Fundamentalism.

The townspeople's witch hunt surprisingly does not focus on the White Male landowner, it rather attacks lower class people, women, an ethnic minority, and the townspeople who refused to take part in this mob thinking syndrome that is plaguing the village.

The struggle for forgiveness by Proctor's wife and by himself is presented in the film. He is unable to move beyond the fact that he has committed adultery against his wife. By signing the confession he is able to regain his self dignity. His wife Elizabeth also takes some of the blame for the problems in their marriage by admitting that she feared that she could really truly love and be loved by somebody especially by a good man like John.

Towards the end of the movie John and Elizabeth return emotionally to one another and they feel as one again. The townspeople do end up hanging John. They accuse him of being in association with the devil because Abigail has accused him because he denies himself to her.

In one of the most moving scenes in the film is when the mob follows the group of crazed girls into the ocean. John is there trying to convince the mob that the girls are lying and pretending, which they are. John is standing in the water up to his knees and proclaims that they are bringing down and raising up a whore. When questioned about God, in a Christ like pose Proctor screams that "God is dead."

Another moving scene is when Proctor steps up on the Hangman's platform and has the noose places around his neck. On each side of him is two other women of the village. They begin to recite the protestant version of the Lords Prayer and as he says "The kingdom and the power and glory for ever

and ever" he is pushed off the platform and is hung before he can say Amen. This leaving the question that God may be dead.

The *Crucible* does an excellent job of going through a family's struggle with adultery. The film also ex-

amines a town who through their Fundamentalists views and actions, hung over a dozen innocent people in an attempt to rid themselves of the Devil, when in actuality they were the Devil killing God.

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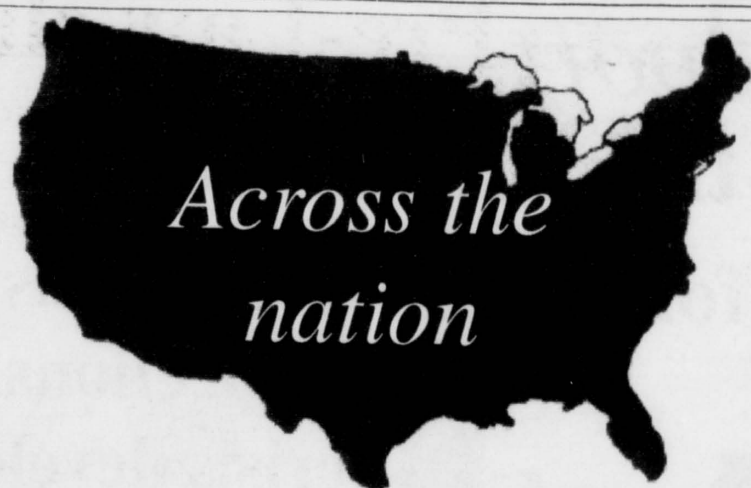
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FBI closes TWA Flight 800 crash investigation

NEW YORK (AP) — After scrutinizing more than 1 million pieces of wreckage, conducting 7,000 interviews and spending up to \$20 million, the FBI officially pulled out of the probe into TWA Flight 800 Tuesday, saying the explosion was not caused by a criminal act.

Investigators also released a CIA video simulation of the jet's last minutes to back up their conclusion that what witnesses thought was a missile hitting the plane was actually burning, leaking fuel from the front part of the jet after it had already broken off.

"We ran out of things to do," Assistant FBI Director James Kallstrom said at a news conference.

"Following 16 months of unprecedented investigation ... we must now report that no evidence has been found which would indicate that a criminal act was the cause."

The Associated Press reported last Wednesday that the FBI had told families of the 230 victims, including four Marylanders, that it would suspend the probe, turning the investigation over to the National Transportation Safety Board. The NTSB, which has hearings scheduled for next month, has indicated no probable cause will be declared until late 1998.

TWA Flight 800 had just left Kennedy Airport for Paris on July 17, 1996, when its center fuel tank exploded, killing everyone aboard. It broke apart at 13,700 feet and crashed into the Atlantic Ocean 10 miles off Long Island.

"...we must now report that no evidence has been found which would indicate that a criminal act was the cause."

Assistant FBI Director
James Kallstrom

Kallstrom showed the video, with its vivid computer-generated recreation of the disaster, to explain why 244 eyewitnesses reported streaks of light that some thought were a missile.

Investigators concluded that the witnesses actually saw the crippled plane itself, several seconds after the initial explosion. The sound of the blast reached them later, making them think they were watching the beginning of the disaster instead of its end, the FBI concluded.

Kallstrom said the FBI asked weapons experts at the CIA to use radar.

Justice Department near to indictments

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Justice Department task force expects to soon seek indictments of two figures in the campaign finance affair for arranging contributions that disguised the identities of the real donors, law enforcement

I have no reason to believe an indictment is imminent and believe she will be vindicated."

Hsia's attorney,
Nancy Luque

officials said Tuesday.

Charges against two people who arranged so-called conduit contributions might be brought after Thanksgiving or early in December, according to two officials, who requested anonymity.

"The task force is trying to get indictments together," a senior official said, requesting anonymity. "One way to move this along is to indict and put pressure on people to cooperate."

Two Democratic party fund-raisers, Yah Lin "Charlie" Trie and Maria Hsia, have been linked in testimony at congressional hearings this year to schemes designed to launder contributions through straw donors. Neither have cooperated with investigators, but lawyers for both have defended their conduct as legal.

Hsia's attorney, Nancy Luque, said she was aware that the Justice Department was investigating her client's fund-raising activities. But "I have no reason to believe an indictment is imminent and believe she will be vindicated."

Using straw donors to conceal the real source of illegal contributions, such as donations that exceed legal limits or come from foreign donors, normally

brings felony charges of conspiracy and false statements. The law requires that donors' names be reported to the Federal Election Commission.

The straw donors, or conduits, usually are not subjected to criminal prosecution if that is their only crime, but they remain liable for civil fines from the FEC.

A federal grand jury has been meeting here in the case for months.

Trie, a former Little Rock restaurateur, Democratic party fund-raiser and longtime friend of President Clinton, has gone to China rather than answer investigators' questions. He has told interviewers he has no plans to return to the United States.

On Monday, Attorney General Janet Reno asked Chinese Justice Minister

"The task force is trying to get indictments together,"

anonymous official

Xiao Yang for "the full cooperation of the Chinese government with the investigation being conducted by our campaign finance task force." The task force is looking into whether there were illegal contributions from China.

Justice Department officials said Tuesday that Xiao deferred responding to this request to a later date, but they were not optimistic of getting any help. The Chinese have denied allegations that they mounted a scheme that used campaign donations to sway the U.S. political process.

Senate investigators produced records at hearings last summer showing that Trie received more than \$905,000 in wire transfers from his Asian business partner.

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Special Report

Tensions heat up in the middle east

Militants claim responsibility for attack

LUXOR, Egypt (AP) — Militants blamed for most of the violence in Egypt's five-year Islamic rebellion claimed responsibility Tuesday for the revolt's deadliest attack: the massacre of 62 people at an ancient temple crowded with tourists.

The al-Gamaa al-Islamiya, or the Islamic Group, said in a faxed statement that Monday's attack was a failed attempt to take hostages to trade for the freedom of their spiritual leader, a blind Egyptian cleric jailed in the United States for plotting to bomb New York landmarks.

The sandstone terraces of the Temple of Hatshepsut were bloodstained Tuesday, but dozens of tourists warily returned. Many others were fleeing the country, however, and agencies were scrapping tours — spelling trouble for Egypt's important tourism industry.

President Hosni Mubarak visited the temple on the Nile River's West Bank

It accused police of showing negligence toward the safety of tourists.

Rebel Statement

across from Luxor to reassure tourists, and replaced his interior minister, blaming him for lax security.

Thirty-one of the dead were Swiss, police said. The others included eight Japanese, five Germans, four Britons — including a child — a Bulgarian, a Colombian and a French citizen. Seven of the dead were still unidentified. There were 24 people wounded.

Police shot the six attackers as they tried to escape. Authorities said one was a member of al-Gamaa, the group that claimed responsibility for the attack.

Al-Gamaa has been a main target of



USA Today Photo

Egyptian military preparing to clear the area around the Temple of Hatshepsut

police battling a violent campaign aimed at overthrowing Mubarak's secular government and turning Egypt into a strict Islamic state.

The government has arrested and jailed thousands of suspected radicals, put hundreds on trial and executed 63 people in the past five years. But al-Gamaa and similar radical groups are difficult to fight because of their small, loosely connected cells.

Last year, al-Gamaa took responsibility for killing 16 Greek tourists at a hotel near the pyramids on the edge of Cairo. The group also claimed an assassination attempt on Mubarak while he was visiting Ethiopia in June 1995; he was unharmed.

In its statement Tuesday, the group said the gunmen's "brave" hostage attempt went awry because police opened fire too quickly, forcing militants to return fire. It accused police of showing negligence toward the safety of tourists.

"The government forces dealt lightly with the lives of the tourists and the citizens, leading to the falling of this great number of dead," it said.

Witnesses, however, said the six gunmen opened fire as soon as they entered the temple grounds, spraying wildly with automatic weapons and killing 58 foreign tourists and four Egyptians.

A coroner's report said some victims were stabbed after being shot. One Swiss survivor said the "very young" gunmen calmly shot victims who had dived to the ground or run for cover behind temple pillars.

Rosemarie Dousse, the Swiss tourist shot in the arm and the leg, hid under the bodies of other tourists for at least an hour.

"They made us get down on our knees. And then they started shooting. A man who was very heavy fell on top of me and the lady behind me also covered me," she said.

Iraq could be capable of readying its weapons within weeks, or even days

LONDON (AP) — Iraq, which is facing down the United Nations over Saddam Hussein's refusal to admit some U.N. weapons inspectors, could have chemical and biological weapons ready for use within days, British government sources said in a report Tuesday.

And it could build missiles in just a few months capable of hitting key targets in Israel and Saudi Arabia with chemical or biological warheads, according to a government risk assessment report, obtained by the news agency Press Association.

Britain's Foreign Office said the report was released to selected British media outlets but would disclose no other details.

"This is information that needs to be in the public domain," said Foreign Office spokesman Andrew Page.

The report said it could not rule out the possibility that Saddam had successfully hidden "a handful" of largely complete missiles and chemical and biological weapons.

"In a crisis these could be available for use within a matter of weeks or perhaps

even days," the report said. "Provided it still has key components — and that is unclear — Iraq could within a few months build, with little risk of detection, missiles capable of hitting Israel and key targets in Saudi Arabia."

But the report added that the large-

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Andrew Page

scale production of chemical warfare agents in Iraq would "almost certainly" be detected quickly.

The report was more optimistic about Saddam's well-known nuclear capability, saying it would take him at least five years to produce a crude air-delivered nuclear bomb — if he could procure the necessary equipment from overseas.

Production of a long-range nuclear missile would take a further four years, the report said it was believed.

That would give the United Nations time to detect these weapons "well be-

fore they reached fruition," the report said.

U.S. President Bill Clinton on Tuesday ordered more U.S. warplanes to the Persian Gulf as the standoff continued over Saddam's decision Thursday to expel six American weapons experts from the U.N. inspection team.

The remaining 68 non-American inspectors also withdrew in protest, halting a U.N. program to monitor the disposal of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and chemical weapons.

U.N. monitors have said that on-site inspections are crucial to ensuring that Iraq does not try to revive its banned programs to build chemical and biological weapons and long-range missiles.

"If the U.N. Special Commission were to be removed or prevented from operating for a sustained period, Iraq could produce within a matter of months a small number of chemical or biological weapons, including missile warheads," the British intelligence report said.

The United Nations imposed sweeping economic sanctions against Iraq after Baghdad's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

Iraqi Arms inspections crisis develops

MOSCOW (AP) — Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz unexpectedly arrived Tuesday and had talks with Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov on the arms inspection crisis, officials said.

The Iraqi embassy described Aziz' visit as a one-day working trip aimed at "clarifying Russia's stance" in the crisis, the Interfax news agency said.

The Russian Foreign Ministry declined to provide any immediate details on Aziz's visit. The Iraqi official has been visiting various countries to try to rally support for Baghdad's cause.

Aziz's trip comes just days after the United States asked Russia to assist in the present standoff, provoked by Baghdad's decision to expel U.S. members of the United Nations arms inspection team in Iraq.

"Russia is trying to influence the situation by all available diplomatic means," said President Boris Yeltsin's spokesman, Sergei Yastrzhembsky.

Aziz might find a sympathetic ear with Primakov, an Arab affairs expert and former Russian intelligence chief who as a Soviet diplomat tried to head off military action against Iraq after it occupied Kuwait in 1990.

Aziz also was expected to meet with Primakov's deputy Viktor Posuvalyuk, who is in charge of Middle East affairs, said Interfax.

The Iraqi official might raise Baghdad's proposal for inspection flights

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Russian spokesman,
Sergei Yastrzhembsky.

over Iraq to be carried out by Russian planes instead of the U.S. U-2s, said Interfax. Iraq has threatened to shoot down U.S. reconnaissance planes flying for the United Nations.


Many Russian politicians, notably the Communists and other hard-liners in parliament, are sympathetic to Iraq. Russian oil companies have signed deals worth billions of dollars with Iraq, and are eager to have the U.N. sanctions against Baghdad — imposed after the 1991 Gulf War — removed so the deals can go ahead.

The lower house of the Russian parliament, the State Duma, overwhelmingly approved a resolution last week blaming the United States for the crisis and calling for an early lifting of the sanctions.

Yeltsin's administration has urged Baghdad to allow U.N. arms inspectors, including Americans, back into the country.

But the Kremlin has opposed the use of force against Iraq, and it says sanctions against Iraq should be gradually lifted to encourage its further compliance with international demands for the elimination of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction.

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Students get taken for an expensive ride

It was one small step for Mansfield. It was a giant leap for the plot to consume an even larger chunk of student money.

The Endless Mountain Transit Authority has swept through the campus like a plague, almost as surely as its funding has been railroaded through the student's wallets.

The EMTA Mountie Express, as it is affectionately known, began to carry weary students laden with books across campus early this semester. It charged students \$.25 for a ride around campus. Students could also buy \$.50 passes which would allow them to travel the bus for the rest of the semester. Students had another choice though. They were allowed to not pay for the bus ride, and not ride it.

The Express was also funded by a large grant from PennDot.

No longer however, will the students of Mansfield University be able to choose whether they desire to pay for the Express. The Mountie Express funding for the 1998 Spring Semester will be taken from the students. All of it.

All Residence Hall Council has "donated" (it is always easy to donate money that you have swindled from students doing their laundry) \$5,000 to the Mountie Express for next semester.

The Committee on Finance has "allocated" \$4,000 to the Mountie Express for the next semester.

Those students who continue to ride the bus instead of attempting the arduous trek to BiLo, or roughing nature to get to Walmart, will still have to spend \$.25 per ride, or purchase a \$.50 pass.

The \$9,000 bill, plus the associated costs of riding the Express, are for one semester.

In exchange for \$9,000 the Mountie Express will traverse the great distance between Mansfield University and Downtown Mansfield every half hour or so from 4:30pm to 9:00 pm, 7 days a week.

Plus, the great Mountie Express will roam the Mansfield streets 7 days a week replacing the safety-shuttle.

But wait, that's not all. If you're one of the first 50 people to sign up in the Student Activities Office, you get a trip to the Arnot Mall for 3 hours, FREE!

T.I.N.S.T.A.A.F.L. There is no such thing as a free lunch.

And there is no such thing as a free Mountie Express.

For \$18,000 a year, Mansfield University can join a select group of elitist, lazy institutions. That's \$18,000 until another proposal takes place, and the full cost of the Mountie Express, some \$25,000 is charged to all the students, every year. Even to the students who don't shop at the Arnot Mall.

\$25,000. That would require at least three new students to fund the EMTA if the University has any hope of funding student organizations at their current level.

\$25,000. That would just about solve the North Hall Paper problem wouldn't it? Why is it North Hall charges paper by the sheet, by the Mountie Express has the ultimate goal of charging every student for the 25 students that are able to fit on the bus?

Last year, MU spent \$18,000 on the paper that was used in North Hall but that was too much, wasn't it? Now, we the students have to pay for that paper. So, why then can we spend that same amount of money that was too much for paper on a campus bussing service.

Beginning next fall, the \$9,000 (which is required every semester) will be taken from a combination of two sources. The ARHC (could laundry prices increase, again?) and student activity fees.

ARHC has complete discretionary power over their monetary resources, but in order to raise the student activity fee there must be a referendum.

Students of Mansfield University, this is your wake up call. It is time to put down the Nintendo, log off the Internet porn site, stash the illegal substances and prepare to vote.

Meeting turns into newspaper bashing session

To The Editor:

I'm writing to address the meeting that President Kelchner had with the leaders of all the organizations on campus a few weeks ago. What started off as a positive meeting turned into a trashing of the school newspaper by a majority of the people there.

My first concern is we were there to find out ways in which we could help each other and get the rest of the campus involved, not to attack one of the representatives. This meeting was a chance for us to work together to solve a

common problem, not to cause problems among ourselves.

My second concern is that wasn't the place to attack each other. If the organizations, clubs and fraternities alike want to be seen in a better light, we have to make the effort together.

My final concern deals with the Flashlight itself. In the four years that I've been here, there has always been complaints about the paper. Nobody tries to help out the problem by donating their time, they only curse its existence. The people who put out

the underground newspaper could have easily helped out the current staff.

As a final thought, we need to look at ourselves before we start pointing fingers. The members of the Flashlight have the same problems that we have with classes, however every Thursday night they have a deadline to meet. Before you complain, try to go behind the scenes and see where the real story lies.

Aric (Bones) Kelley
Co-President of the
Economics Club

Executive Board claims commentary destroyed civility

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the commentary "Do we really need this campus newspaper" which appeared in the November 14 edition of the *Flashlight*.

The commentary was replete with factual errors and was characterized by an unprofessional tone which did little to facilitate meaningful public discourse on is-

ssues which affect the campus community. In launching a malicious and completely unwarranted personal attack against Ms. Annie Copper, Mr. Meehan has dealt a serious blow to the atmosphere of cordiality and mutual respect which has existed at Mansfield University in recent years.

Mr. Meehan's commentary is in opposition to the position

stated in the "Letters to the Editor Policy" which claims "We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash..." Does this policy apply to everyone submitting articles to the paper or are the editors exempt from this policy?

The Presidents Board
on Diversity

Provost slams controversial article as personal attack

To the Editor:

Your letters to the editor policy on page 6 in the November 14 issue of the *Flashlight* states: "We will not print personal attacks." The commentary on page 7 contains an intense personal attack. Apparently the editorial board has higher standards for its readers that it does for

itself.

As Provost, I will continue to support the *Flashlight* and its first amendment rights; however, this personal attack by an editorial board member reflects poorly on the newspaper as well as our entire learning community. This commentary was nasty, and the in-

dividual deserves an apology.

This incident is particularly disappointing in light of the increasing number of well-written articles addressing a full range of topics from race to registration.

Dr. Joe Moore
Provost

Coordinator questions article's accuracy, defends course

To the Editor:

It has not been my nature to write a "Letter to the Editor" in response to any article that has appeared in the *Flashlight*. But...when that article includes as many outright mistakes, misquotes and errors as the one published in the November 14th issue, you do not leave me much choice except to respond.

The article I refer to was entitled: "Third Annual Etiquette Class Held in North Dining Hall". The etiquette class you refer to is an etiquette "meal" not a class. It is a very small portion of the curriculum taught in my COM 101 classes. During the interview concerning this story, I specifically explained to the reporter that the point of etiquette unit is to provide an opportunity for the student to experience the communication dynamics that are integral to this type of learning environment such as learning how to perform a toast, responding to a formal table setting, working with staff and going through a receiving line.

Although "future interviewing skills" is a very small portion of the reasoning why the etiquette training is taught, it is not the primary one which originated the concept for my class. Yet the article clearly indicates that it is. As I stated to the reporter (twice), students receive "textbook learning, technical skill in their major, writing skills, computer skills, etc. during their college years". However, the primary reason the eti-

quette training was included at all was to examine the communication dynamics that occur with the social graces. Hence it is the entire basis for adding the etiquette training to my curriculum in COM 101.

To continue with the inaccuracies; even the headline is in error. This is not an annual event. The dinner is run every semester; not every year. When you try to find the continuation of the article from page one to page two (it is referred to as "See Dinner page two"), you turn to page two and it says "From Philosophy". In addition, the reporter makes it appear that out of the three semesters that the dinner has occurred, I was only pleased with this one. All three etiquette experiences have been good experiences for both staff and students. Speaking of the "guests of honor", they are an integral part of this dinner. They don't just "show up" as the article implies. They are invited two months before the event and prepare for it as much as the students. They are crucial to the success of this dinner and I have been grateful that so many of the staff members that have attended in the past have asked repeatedly to be invited again to work with the students.

I also explained to the reporter that I never use faculty because of the logistical impossibility of trying to coordinate all of their teaching schedules for one specific evening. For the reason, I only use staff or administrative personnel. Yet, the article clearly states

that I do use faculty and that some of them "don't show up". I was horrified at the poetic license taken by this reporter to indicate that has ever happened. Depending upon any given semester, between 90-120 people are involved in this event activity and I especially asked this reporter to credit Ms. Ilene Heil (Catering Director) and her staff as well as the staff and administrators that attend. Without their assistance, the activity would still be the planning stages. And again, none of this was even mentioned.

I have never said that I was in teaching an entire class on etiquette. I told this reporter that I would like to "expand this unit to more than the 3-4 class sessions; perhaps to 5 or 6 class sessions". He goes on to say that "there are a lot of people" that want me to do this?? That's the first I have heard of this. It was certainly not said during my interview nor were several of the other "quotes" that are attributed to me in that article.

I do realize that the Flashlight works with limited resources (both budget and personnel) and I know that many of the staff members stay up all Thursday night doing layout, proofreading and editing so that we even have a campus paper. But I cannot overlook the amount of inaccuracies found in this story nor can I ignore the misquotes and neither should your readers.

Dr. Sharon A. Carrish
Communications and Theater

Some letters edited for brevity. Please limit to 300-400 words. Thanx

Commentary

Editors say accuracy is relative and contagious

Gene Yager
editor in chief
Darren A. Meehan
managing editor

In response to the letters received and printed this week on the editorial page:

A letter submitted by the President's Advisory Board on Diversity criticizing an alleged "personal attack" contained personal attacks against an editor of the *Flashlight*. In the interest of furthering discussion on this topic, we have decided to run this letter to the editor, but we will also address the many negative letters submitted this week. After this week, we WILL NOT run personal attacks, regardless of victim or motive.

In response to Dr. Moore's letter to the editor, we agree that our policy is to completely ban any personal attacks in the letters to the editor. However, any person with an education advanced enough to group ten letters into a word can read that the personal attack in the *Flashlight* was printed on the *commentary* page and not the letter to the editor page.

Given Ms. Cooper's position at this University and the fact that she has brought herself into the arena of limited purpose public figures based on her willingness to create a forum to discuss the *Flashlight*, we have every right to com-

ment on her job performance. She has made herself a limited purpose public figure. The use of the phrase "personal attack" is relative and does nothing to advance this issue.

We do not apologize for anything written in last week's commentary except for the fact that she was not specifically named in the last issue. The correct course of action for us to follow would have been to simply state exactly who we were referring to, instead of dancing around the issue.

We would also like to add that it is interesting that all of these letters to the editor, after they have completely bashed our organization with little regard for fact or accuracy, compliment the *Flashlight*. Why is it that it takes a page long letter pissing and moaning about the newspaper to get a little positive feedback? We have not received any letters this year thanking us or commending our work or the effort we put forth and the time we invest in compiling this newspaper.

While we are on the topic of accuracy, Ms. Cooper wrote in her commentary that two student members of the diversity board contacted the *Flashlight* about participating in a forum. She goes on to state that the students received no reply from the members of the *Flashlight*, and that this is the main reason why the forum did not go on. This is not true. The *Flashlight* was never contacted

about this forum. In fact, Ms. Cooper accepted names and phone numbers at the meeting from representatives of the *Flashlight* who wished to appear on the panel for the forum. If she had contacted us previously, why did she need to write names and numbers again?

The information concerning this forum was held from the *Flashlight*. Not only was the *Flashlight* not aware of this forum, neither was the rest of the campus community, including President Kelchner. The only reason we at even found out about the proposed forum was through an inside tip. If not for this tip, the diversity board would have succeeded in what were obviously their attempts to keep it a secret.

This meeting was so secret, in fact, that at the meeting of the diversity board, no members, save one or two, even knew that the forum was cancelled. They thought everything was going to proceed as previously planned. They seemed fully prepared to continue on with a forum about the *Flashlight*. Keep in mind that not even the President of Mansfield University had any knowledge of this forum.

It was an ambush, plain and simple. So yes, we are paranoid. However, with the diversity board dancing behind our backs, planning, like it or not- SECRET FORUMS, we should be. Some members of the administration were not too appreciative of last weeks

commentary. Two words- too bad.

The Provost says that he stands behind our first amendment rights. Bologna.

If he is so gung-ho over first amendment rights, why does he criticize, and attempt to cease the free flow of ideas at Mansfield University in his letter? Provost Moore's answer- it reflects poorly on the university. Boo friggin' hoo.

If he is so concerned with the way Mansfield University looks, why does he continue to allow Ms. Cooper's personal vendetta against the one of the only MU media outlets to continue? Too much work, Mr. Moore? Too controversial, Mr. Moore? Too difficult?

Well we have chosen the alternate route. We at the *Flashlight* have chosen to defend ourselves and our writers against Ms. Cooper. We will not simply sit like good little college students and take it. We encourage our staff to write commentaries questioning the administration and we encourage our readers to provide us with feedback. We will not address most letters to the editor in this fashion, but we feel with the implications made in this week's letters that we had to.

We do not print personal attacks in the letter to the editor section and, although everyone is encouraged to submit one, commentaries are run at the discretion of the editorial board.

Editor's response to claims of inaccuracy in last week's issue

Josh Cusatis
news editor

It is not common for the editors of the *Flashlight* to respond to a letter to the editor, but it is also a power that we hold as part of being editors. I would like to respond to the letter that Dr. Sharon Carrish has submitted for publication this week about the story I wrote which appeared in last week's issue entitled "Third annual etiquette class held in North Dining Hall."

Dr. Carrish makes comments about a number of different concerns that are dealt with at the etiquette meal. She claims that these points are the real reason for having this dinner and that I completely ignored these ideas. I must admit that the article exerts no real stance on why the dinner exists. However, if these points were so important then Dr. Carrish should have made it a point to mention them during my interview with her. She was given every opportunity to mention this but she did not.

Dr. Carrish then states that the members of the administration who are asked to attend the dinner are referred to as staff. Dr. Carrish gave me an inter-

office memo concerning the dinner which includes a list of these people. The top of the list reads, "Current List of Guests of Honor: Fall 1997." I these people are supposed to be referred to as "staff" then this should be made clear.

I understand that there were no faculty members featured as staff and for this I was incorrect.

Dr. Carrish also mentions that I neglected to thank the people that helped her with this dinner. She is correct in this statement. I did neglect this because that would be self-serving to Dr. Carrish and not to the story. I know that many people can come up with examples where this has happened. In my experience, this is a case of the reporter helping the people in the story. I am not trying to be nice as a part of my responsibilities to the *Flashlight* but I am trying to be the best journalist that I can. I cannot help it if the majority of journalists out there are not doing their job well. I would like to know how many people on this campus are really concerned with who helped Dr. Carrish with this dinner.

Dr. Carrish then says that I said she is interested in teaching a class on etiquette. Please, re-read the story because I make no such statement. As for "a lot of people" being interested in her teaching an en-

tire course on etiquette, this is what she told me during the interview. As for who these people are, I haven't a clue because Dr. Carrish never told me who these people are.

Dr. Carrish says that the I used quotes are inaccurate. I cannot help what she said to me during the interview but all of those were direct quotes. People should realize that if they want to sound a certain way they have to think about what they say to a reporter, because just about anything that is said is fair game. Many times people say things that they do not mean. As a journalist, this is not my fault nor is it my concern.

Dr. Carrish also says that I included quotes which she never said. I can honestly say that I have never made up a quote and anyone who knows me knows that this is not true. I still have my notes from this interview.

At the end of her letter, Dr. Carrish says that we are "budding journalists." I disagree. The moment we wrote our first stories we all became journalists and we can never look back. Many people must realize that we are real journalists. Realizing this, people may change their attitudes towards us and many of these problems may be cleared up.

Member of administration clarifies misconceptions in last week's paper

Annie Cooper
Director, Multicultural Affairs

For the benefit of readers of the *Flashlight*, I think it is necessary to clarify some misconceptions that may developed over the last few weeks regarding a forum on "Do We Really Need a Campus Newspaper?" Some members of the *Flashlight* jumped to conclusions when two members of the President's Advisory Board for Diversity (co-chairs: Annie Copper and Ronald Smith) contacted members of the staff in regards to participating on a panel discussion. The students did not get a response from anyone on the *Flashlight* staff and plans for the forum did not go forth.

Instead of responding to the students' request, members of the *flashlight* advertised a forum to be held on Tuesday, November 11th (the date the panel discussion was to be held). Then on Monday, November 10th, they posted flyers around the campus about a

forum being held at 3:00pm in the Pine Crest Seminar Room. When members of the Advisory Board for Diversity arrived for the regularly scheduled bi-weekly meeting held at this time, a dozen or more students were there waiting for this (*Flashlight*) scheduled forum.

Since the Board's meetings are not closed, it was agreed to allow the students a chance to voice their concerns at the beginning of the meeting. It was decided that rather than cancel the forum, it would be postponed until some time in the early spring semester. There is no validity to the claim that an "openly secret forum" was ever planned. It is my opinion that certain editors and some staff members were sensitive to this issue and jumped to conclusions because of recent concerns about the *Flashlight*. The Nov. 14th Commentary was not only inaccurate, it was also elementary in its negativity by way of name-calling and demonstrates a basic ignorance of the functions of the Office of Multicultural Affairs or the various cam-

pus programs coordinated by this office.

Experience on the staff of a college newspaper serves to prepare students for real life experiences or possible professional employment. Therefore, students who serve on a campus newspaper should be in a learning mode and not defensive or paranoid. Many signals have been sent to clearly indicate that the general affect of the *Flashlight* has been negative to some constituent groups and seems to reflect more the perspectives of the editors and a few staff writes — not the Mansfield University campus majority as suggested the November 14th Commentary. Also, when we refer to "the majority" on a campus such as this, we need to be mindful of what we mean by "majority". Are you referring to a "majority opinion" or the "majority group" which may mean that those few representatives of groups who add diversity to this population would have no voice, just based on numbers. Hopefully this conflict will encourage students to reassess the way they exercise their freedom of speech

Kreative Korner

"The Second Coming"

I have never seen such Good Faith
in a Black Eyed Beauty.
It comes with a price
It is called lack of inner real-
ization and knowledge of self.

Years of basterdization of once a
beautiful cause.
Centuries of fanciful ignorant
perceptions
have made us lose the man and his
path to India
feminism
care oft hose that society forgot
true respect of thy neighbor
Loving all, including enemies and
those who are different.
All gone
lost
twisted
in the hopes and concentration on
the symbol of
mans greatest fear
Death
I, like the great student and
teacher
found in the book of Q
will work and live for this life
for the people now
For the love of humanity.
God is love and respect
find and work for it NOW,
When your dead it is too late.
"May all sentient beings be free
from pain and suffering."

Brent David

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a female sillouhetted against a shadow
called my name
from Far across another warm water time
shiffing, floating, blinking red light
Murmured voices
And a rhythmic scream
Somewhere a Buddhist bassist with no name plays my favorite tune
And Ghandi sits and asks me "Why?"
But I have no answers
Christ sits nearby, and ponders a similar question "How?"
But my throat is too dry
An unidentified man sits in a corner and cries
His tears pierce my ears, and he wants to know why
I can't help him and now the rest begin to weep
The platform fills with tears
I can't swim in this pool of anguish
Throat too dry, mind too blurred

gene yager

Not Postmodern

School's out, And breathe right the first aide, The research continues,
My mind poured out in a memo book, I need inside-out upside-down, I
write illiterate thoughts, Blank page line, Tea distillate, It's normal for
her, Possibly, Played out on the Serengetti, The Forest winds along the
road, This heat is sickening, Parasitic needs, Cinnemon starling, Eu-
phoric formaldahyde, Tylenol breakfast, Am I in your diary, Victorian
courtesan, I am a smallpox champion, Is it insecurity, Single file to hide
the numbers, Are they fond memories, Boil away, Make the boilermaker,
Did you mention me, I'm drinking vitamin C, Sold into a Russian cara-
van, We fashioned the tilted sky, And I've got enough salt to make you
want to drown.

by Illiteracy

"Sister"

You moved out at twenty-three, married and pregnant. Just out of college fresh with an English degree.. A new household to run and two new people to nurture and nurse. Your self put aside, love on your mind and pride swallowed deep. You made three moves. Each time following your love and hope. Your last move made to a place you knew and thought you left. Back home, deserted and abandoned, your boy by your side. Three years old with curly blond hair. He is yours and he is your salvation. You still move and breathe and thrive and give yourself to the world.

K.D.

Kreative Korner

A shady, spooky story to read late, late at night

Gene Yager
editor in trouble

"As the children stepped from their brick coated school, their eight and nine year old bodies were torn, limb from trunk, in the most gruesome display of violence that most of the locals had seen since the war. The odd occurrence was detailed extensively in the local paper- CHILDREN TORN TO BITS DURING FREAK ACCIDENT. It went on to state that pieces of the children were discovered three counties over, in Andover. The rumor for years was that you could still see pieces of the children landing in Andover. 'They were caught up in the jet stream' the scientists said. 'It happens all the time in Bolivia' they lied. Well the problem got so bad that people were walking around without a cloud in the sky with umbrellas in hand. There was a strange whistling noise in the distance just before they were shredded. 'The noise was a coyote', the elders said. 'The scream was a baby, hungry for food,' the college students whispered. Nonetheless,

the questions persisted."

By the time she stopped falling the ceiling had come into focus and her hands were stretched above her head. She could see it was raining outside and her windows were steaming up. Her eyes squinted and she caught the glimpse of a boy wandering in the street. She put on her glasses and saw him smile, the right corner of his lip curling upwards. He leaned against a tree and checked his pockets. He carefully pulled out a Marlboro and put it behind his ear. Without moving his eyes from her window, he crossed the street and disappeared behind the row of trees next to the driveway. She was waiting for him, but she didn't know it yet. He knew he had to come. She dreamt of him all afternoon and the last time he saw her she was falling from the bleachers. It was the last thought she had before she fell - she saw his face. Sometimes that happens. A person you never knew while you were alive sees you and you have to go and fulfill the plea.

Before she knew it, she was in his car. A 1967 Camaro with tinted win-

dows. He pounded away at her tiny body with short, persistent thrusts. She screamed so loudly, the neighbors thought that someone was being killed. After he came, she relaxed, and they sat there, in the pouring October rain, and talked. She told him about the school kids her dad used to tell her about who were killed by some freak act of nature back in the fifties. The rumor had been that the kids were engaging in activities which were considered by some local church groups as un holy. When she said the words un holy, he grabbed her head and kissed her. Nobody ever figured out who the murderer was, she said. The bodies were mutilated so badly that the coroner used Elmers glue to hold their faces in place when the parents came to identify the bodies.

He didn't believe the story. When they left the Chevy, they decided to take a walk in an area cemetery. As they walked, fall leaves cracked under their feet. They passed numerous grave stones and moseleums. Towards the rear of the cemetery, he began to tell her about his version of true love. They

gazed into each other's eyes, and listened to the cool, pre-winter breeze. In the distance, she heard a scream. It was consistent, and seemed to be getting closer. A few seconds later, fear swept over his face as he realized that the scream was there, and had not ceased for at least twenty seconds. They looked for places to hide, and could find none. The scream grew louder, and never wavered in it's tone or consistency.

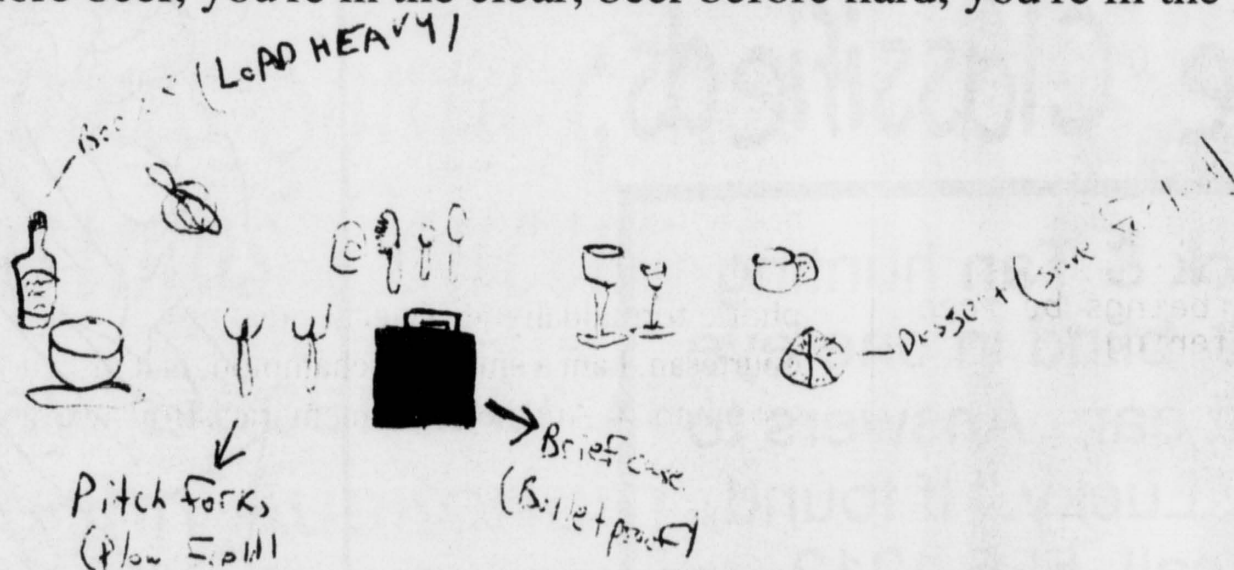
Finally, the scream, when it seemed like it could not get any closer without being inside of the two lovers, ceased. Fear left their faces, and their color returned as well.

THUNK

The hatchet was thrown from at least thirty feet. It had split her boyfriend's skull in two pieces. Screaming, running full speed from behind a four hundred year oak, was a man, dressed entirely in black with a single white band around his collar. He carried a machete, and screamed so loudly that it was almost a whistling sound.

Flashlight's Top Five Rules of Etiquette

- 1) Be polite and pass to the right!
- 2) Bring your own damn napkin
- 3) Grass, gas or ass- nobody rides for free
- 4) Please remind them when to pass- no one should miss a turn
- 5) Hard before beer, you're in the clear; beer before hard, you're in the yard.



After all these years, punk rock is still cool

by Josh Cusatis
Marxist editor

I spent the better part of my high school days driving all around Pennsylvania. Scranton, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and other assorted towns and boroughs. Hell, going to Allentown or Philly for the night was like going into town to get a loaf of bread. We never had an agenda for our road trips, we just went and whatever would happen would be cool by us.

The car that we used for these adventures had so many tapes and CD's (I prefer to call them albums) that the backseat couldn't be used because there was no room. The majority of these al-

bums were by various punk bands that we revered and held close to our hearts.

Bands like Minor Threat, Black Flag, Circle Jerks, Fugazi, Descendants, Shelter, Sex Pistols, The Clash, Television, Wire, New York Dolls, X, The Germs, U-Men, Scratch Acid, Jesus Lizard, and too many more for me to do this list any justice.

Since then I have gotten into a wider range of music and I now love Pink Floyd, Sarah McLaughlin and REM among others in another very long list. I still love all of the stuff that I used to listen to in high school but I've added other stuff to what I really like and absolutely love.

There are two albums from these old days that I still keep in close

proximity to my stereo: the complete works of Minor Threat and the complete works of Scratch Acid. I still listen to these albums on a regular basis but since high school they haven't affected in the same way.

This past week, many things going on in my life have succeeded in making me one very angry individual. It was just coincidence that I got out Minor Threat but when I hit play I quickly remembered why I loved punk rock and I once again have found the place in my heart for it. It instantly took my aggression from me.

There was part of my musical history that I had lost and was in danger of never finding again but because of this past week and the people that have been

antagonizing me, I remembered what that missing part was and gained it back.

If you don't believe me then you have to talk to Krissy. She was there on the night that I got those old albums out and was able to notice that I was ready to take on anything that was going to make me angry and/or depressed.

I'm not saying to any of you that you should listen to punk rock. I admit that it's not for everybody. What I am saying is that you shouldn't let part of yourself slip away and if you already have then you should try as hard as you can to get it back. You shouldn't reject and throw away the old parts of you as you learn and grow, you should build off of that because it's an integral part of yourself. Be wise about that though.

Comics and fun



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by Roger and Salem Salloom© 1997

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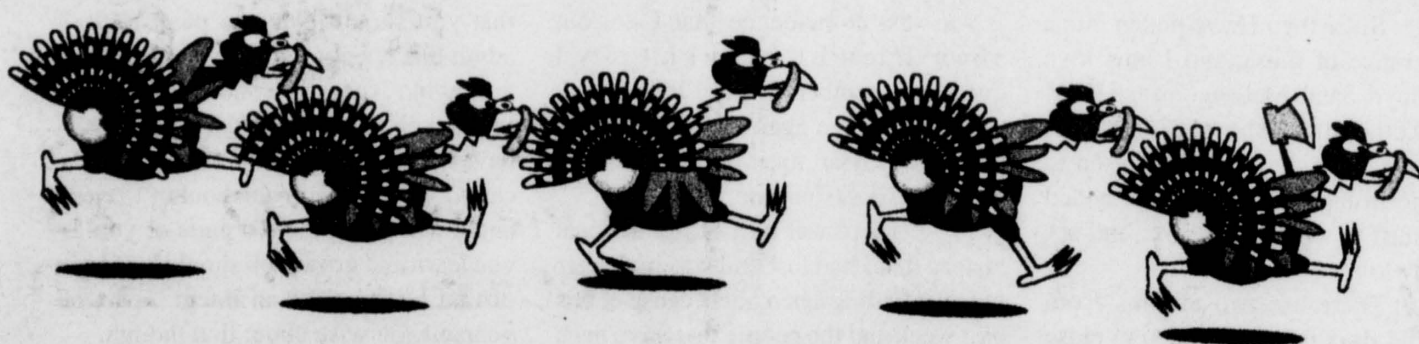
When I find myself feeling deeply appreciative of my tissue box by the bed, late at night, I know it must've been a truly rotten week.



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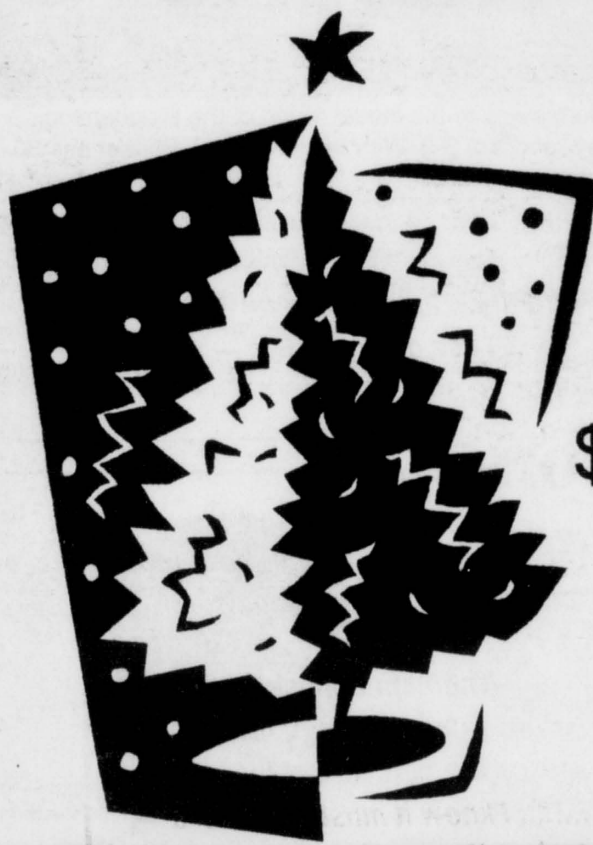
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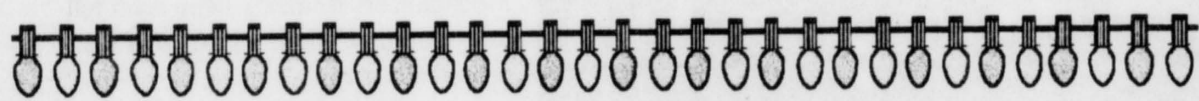
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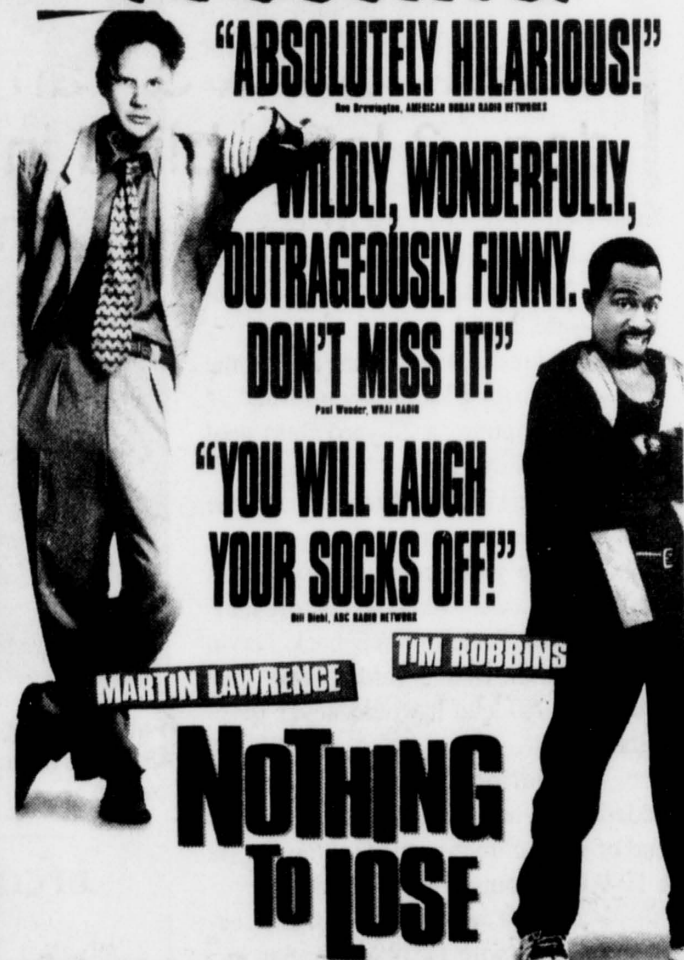
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SPORTS

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Mountie grapplers step up Compete at Binghamton Colonial Invite

The Mansfield University wrestling team took a step up on the competitive level when they opened the 1997-98 season at the Binghamton Colonial Invitational at Binghamton University Saturday.

The tournament, which featured eight NCAA Division I schools along with club wrestlers that included members of the 1996 U.S. Olympic wrestling team, gave the Mountaineers a stiff early season test.

Towanda native Tim Tuttle was the only Mountaineer to place in the tournament with a fourth place finish in the heavyweight division.

Tuttle, who faced only Division I competition, opened with a 2-1 decision over Mike Egerle of Hofstra and was awarded a medical forfeit over Joe Kobes of Army.

Tuttle then faced Jason

Gleasant, a member of the 1996 U.S. Olympic Greco-Roman wrestling team, of Syracuse and was pinned by the tournament champion.

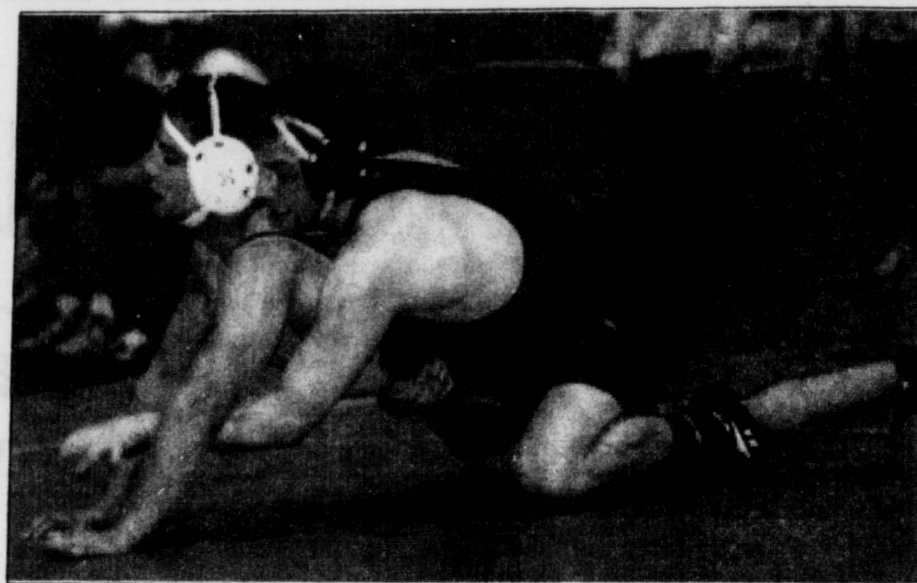
In a battle for third place, Tuttle was edged 5-4 by Ken Hunter of Rutgers.

Senior Joel Brinker became the second wrestler in MU history to hit the 80 win mark by posting a 3-2 record at Binghamton.

Brinker, who moved up from his normal 150 to 158, dropped a 5-1 decision to Kyle Talley of Drexel before pinning Dave Behrney of Wagner in :32 seconds.

Brinker then posted a major decision 10-1 over Brandon Zalewski of Alfred and registered his second pin of the tournament by downing Sam Valdez of Wagner at 1:35.

Brinker suffered a 6-4 over-



Senior Joel Brinker made his way to the medal round of the Binghamton Invitational with a tourney record of 3-2. With the three wins Brinker has 80 wins over his Mansfield wrestling career.

time loss to Dave Dietrich in the medal round.

Other strong performances for the Mountaineers included a 3-2 outing by sophomore Jessie Smith at 134 and freshman Kris Kearns at 150. Freshman

Jason Frawley (118), junior Miles Roe (142) and junior Charlie Tuttle (190) all posted 2-2 marks.

The Mountaineers will host Lycoming College this Friday starting at 7 p.m.

Mountaineers drop last game of season Finish their 1997 season with one win as they lose to Clarion

by Jason Feather
asst. sports editor

The Mansfield University Mountaineers ended their 1997 campaign with a 17-0 loss to Clarion on a snow and ice covered Clarion Memorial Stadium.

The Mountaineers finish with a 1-10 overall record while the Golden Eagles end up with a three-game winning streak and a 3-7 overall record.

Sophomore quarterback Lucas Smith was 12 of 32 for 126-yards passing on the day while sophomore running back Lee Brannon rushed for 50-yards on 22 carries.

Smith hooked up with sophomore fullback Nate Davis seven times for 75-yards and junior wide receiver Pete Herchik twice for 15-yards.

The Mountaineers had a chance to jump out to an early lead on the Golden Eagles with defensive back JJ Cleaver intercepting Clarion quarterback Chris Janson and returning it to the Mountaineer 45-yard line.

Mansfield moved the ball all the way down to the Clarion 5-yard line finally attempting a 22-yard field goal by junior Randy Teter.

The kick was blocked, and the Mountaineers came away empty.

The game remained scoreless until, with exactly 10:00 left before half-time, Golden Eagles running back Kervin Charles ran in from 5-yards out to give Clarion a 7-0 lead it would never relinquish.

Clarion kicker Tyler Palisin added a 30-yard field goal just before the end of the half to give the Golden Eagles a 10-0 lead going into the break.

There was no score in the second half until with 11:38 left to play in regulation when Clarion's Keonte Campbell score on an 8-yard run to end the scoring for the game, and ensuring the Golden Eagles their victory over the Mountaineers.

Defensively for the Mountaineers, Cleaver made 11 tackles while freshmen Gabe Kamarousky and Frank Hanlon each contributing 10 stops for Mansfield.

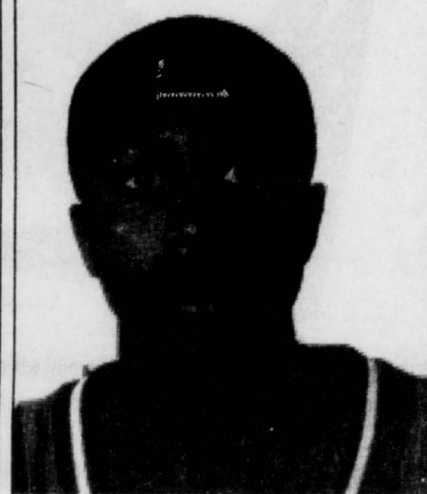


photo by Thad Woodward

Pat Ginther, 65, looks on during the Mountaineers last game of the season. The Mounties fell to Clarion by a score of 17-10 as they finished the year 1-10 overall.

UPCOMING MANSFIELD SPORTING EVENTS

Men's Basketball at Clarion U.	11-25	8:00 p.m. start
Women's Basketball at West Virginia Wesleyan College	11-21	7:30 p.m. start
Swimming at King's College	11-22	1:00 p.m. start
Wrestling at Lycoming College	11-21	7:00 p.m. start
Indoor Track at Bucknell U.	12-6	TBA



Tommy Harvey

Tommy Harvey scored a career high 34 points against Lock Haven in Mansfield's opening game of the season.

The Mounties lost the game by a score of 90-87. The Mounties will attempt to defend their 1996-97 PSAC Title this season.

Mountaineer swim team falls to Lycoming

Candace Cipolla did it again on Saturday afternoon, breaking another record as the Mansfield University Mountaineers women's swim team fell to Lycoming College 117-67 in a non-conference meet.

Cipolla shattered a 16-year-old record in the 500 free event with her first place finish and time of 5:54.84.

Cipolla has broken five individual records, and has been a part of two relay records for the Mountaineers so far this season.

The team of Cipolla, Katrina Cibula, April Hart, and Jamie Ragukonis improved on their record in the 400 medley relay with a time of 4:31.63.

Ragukonis also finished first in the 50 free and 100 free events for the Mountaineers.

The Mountaineers return home to Decker Gymnasium for a meet with King's

Mountie men lose first game of the 97-98 season

The Mansfield University Mountaineers men's basketball team opened the 1997-98 campaign with a 90-87 loss at Lock Haven University's Thomas Field House. Lock Haven improved their record to 1-2 overall with the victory.

Tommy Harvey (Pottstown/Pottstown) scored a game- and career-high 34 points for the the Mountaineers while Steve Shannon (Fairview/Fairview) backed him up with a double-double of 19 points and 14 rebounds.

The defending PSAC Champions had a tough time stopping the Bald Eagles Doug Oliver who led Lock Haven with 28-points and eight rebounds. Reggie Frazier also contributed to the Bald Eagle offense with 23-

points.

The momentum of the game shifted quite a few times, and with a little more than six minutes remaining, it looked as though the Mountaineers grabbed the final swing and win the game.

Mansfield was down by nine, 59-50, with 12:33 left to play in regulation, then went on a 26-16 run, and overtook the lead from Lock Haven, 76-67.

The Bald Eagles countered the Mountaineers, and came back to regain the lead for good, 84-83, with a 3-pointer by Chris Daley with 1:17 left to play.

The Mountaineers remain on the road with a game at Clarion a week from today at 8 p.m.



Tommy Harvey scored a career high 34 points in the Mountaineer's losing 90-87 effort against Lock Haven University.



Jill Masker dribbles downcourt against the Daemon Lady Warriors during Mansfield's second loss of the season. The Mounties fell to the Lady Warriors by a score of 76-52. Masker led the Mountaineers with 14 points for the contest. With the loss the Mountaineer's fall to 0-2 on the year.

MU ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Junior heavyweight wrestler Tim Tuttle, a native of Towanda, finished in fourth place at the Binghamton Invitational Tournament last weekend.

Tuttle faced only Division I competition throughout the Invitational tournament.

Tuttle's first win came against Mike Egerle of Hofstra 2-1. His second win was a medical forfeit against Joe Kobes of Army.

Tuttle's next match was against former U.S. Olympic Greco-Roman wrestler



Tim Tuttle

Jason Gleasman of Syracuse. The match ended in a pin for Gleasman.

Tuttle lost his final match of the day 5-4 to Ken Hunter of Rutgers to finish in fourth place overall for the Binghamton Invitational.

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Ecology of Yellowstone Park discussed at forum

Katie Evans
staff reporter

Dr. Kenneth Meyer gave a lecture last Tuesday at 3:30, in Allen Hall, about his work in Yellowstone National Park.

Dr. Meyer has been a professor here for over twenty five years.

He has taught various courses, such as Botany, Limnology and General Biology.

Dr. Meyer has done extensive work for the National Park Service since 1995, working mainly on the peripherals of Yellowstone, also serving as an outlet for his passion, fly-fishing.

Meyer has been concerned with the high population of weeds, stating that there are between ten and twenty weed species in the average local field.

Most weeds originate from foreign lands, brought by immigrants wishing to preserve memories of their homeland, such as daisies and barley.

Exotics are what native-bred weeds are referred to as, rather than flowers such as orchids, that usually come to mind.

The problem with weeds is that they reproduce too quickly.

The USDA stated that farmers have spent twelve million dollars per year to rid their fields of weeds, and eight million per year in control.

This leads to higher prices for consumers.

Montana alone is composed of five million weeds.

The Canada Thistle, familiar in this area as a purple colored thistle, infests the grains, also inflating prices in grains.

"Next time you're eating your Maypo, think about it," said Meyer.

They grow quickly, are hardy, and you cannot eradicate them by pulling them out at the roots, and some exotics can cause extinction of native plants.

Roots left in the ground can still reproduce and can spread out twenty-four feet in two years.

Seeds can also lie dormant for up to nine years, therefore, to kill a plant completely, one has to continue the killing for nine years.



photo provided
These are trees that have been killed by natural forest fires that almost wiped out Yellowstone National Park in the 1980's. It will take many years for this area to make a complete recovery.

Some weeds are dangerous because they can cause blindness or kill animals, and they are avoided like young children avoid spinach.

In 1990, the Farm Bill amended the Noxious Weed Act delegating weed control to the Federal Government, and then the National Park Service.

"I didn't know it then, but I was to become Mr. Weed," said Meyer.

Yellow stone is 13,000 square miles in area,

"I didn't know it then, but I was to become Mr. Weed."

Dr. Kenneth Meyer

it's only real inhabitants over the years the migratory Shoshonees.

In 1872, an enormous volcano erupted, sending ash as far south as the Gulf of Mexico, causing the thermal pools, mud pots, and geysers, due to the thin crust of the earth.

Fires ravage the park about every 200 years, such as the most recent one, destroying forty percent of the park due to lightning.

The local spruce trees take up to 300 years to regrow after such damage

Rivers running through the park are cold, then a few feet later are bath water temperatures, Meyer reports people jumping in, in the middle of the winter.

The buffalo population is numbered at about 3,000, the elk, 30,000, as well as a good number of bighorn sheep, with the moose in the hundreds.

Yellow stone is full of great views, including that of Yellowstone Lake.

The lake has been plagued with lake trout, found here in Pennsylvania, which were brought in by

fishers as a prank, and are a disturbance to the native Cutthroat trout.

Another vista is the Yellow stone Grand Canyon, stretching for twenty- four miles.

Meyer reported 1,000 native species brought into the park though mud and snow on cars, hay for the horses, and also by visitors.

There are 30-40,00 large animals in the park, 1,050 flowering plants, 172 of which are exotic.

In 1995 Meyer began his work, monitoring weed problems, through the Highway Land Grant program.

He, along with his crew, measured sites every five miles on roads, and took data counting in ten foot blocks, where they tagged and flagged marked areas.

They measured twenty-three species of exotics, totaling 25,000, using a tally method.

The Canada Thistle was the most abundant weed found on incoming vehicles.

Efforts have been made at destroying the weed clusters, including, pulling, spraying, and using weed cutters.

"Next time you're eating Maypo, think about it."

Dr. Kenneth Meyer

From 1995 to 1997, Meyer and crew covered sixty sites, and analyzed the development.

They will next begin looking to the interior of the park, resurveying the sites measured in the past, checking the migration rates of the animals, and the growth of the Knapweed, the most troublesome of the weeds.

This is also in correspondence with the upgrading of the roads running through the park.

In his recreational time, Meyer visited rodeos, watched Crow Indian dancers, and did a lot of fly-fishing.

In conclusion, Meyer is also an excellent man to know if one is looking for a position in the park, having previously given references for his former students.



photo provided

There are about 30,000 bull elk in Yellowstone National Park. The presence of exotic weeds and plants can greatly effect this animal's food source.



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This is a prong horn antelope. Since they are not very abundant in Yellowstone National Park their population can be greatly affected by changes in the park's ecology.

Calendar

Friday 21, 1997

Wind ensemble tour continues.
7:30pm - Women's Basketball away at West Virginia Wesleyan College.
7pm - Wrestling at home vs. Lycoming College.

Saturday 22, 1997

Wind ensemble tour continues.
Men's basketball at University of Pitt-Johnstown.
10am - Wrestling away at Oneonta Invitational.

1pm - Swimming at home vs. Kings College.
7pm - MAC Movie, "Nothing to Lose," in Allen Lecture Hall.
7pm - Women's basketball away at Fairmont State College.

Sunday 23, 1997

3pm - Wind ensemble in Steadman Theatre.
7pm - Senior Voice Recital in Steadman Theatre.

Tuesday 25, 1997

8pm - Men's basketball away at Clarion.
6pm - Women's basketball away at Lock Haven.

Wednesday 26 to Friday 28, 1997

Thanksgiving holiday, no classes.

Saturday 29, 1997

8pm - Men's basketball away at Houghton.
6pm - Women's Basketball away

at Houghton.

Monday 1, 1997

8pm - "Amahl and the Night Visitors" in Straughn Auditorium.

Tuesday 2, 1997

7:30pm - Men's basketball away at Westminster.

Wednesday 3, 1997

8pm - Low Brass Christmas Concert in Steadman Theatre.

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Faculty discuss possible general education changes

by Josh Cusatis
news editor

The faculty, administration and Academic Affairs Committee are currently discussing possible changes to the general education program here at Mansfield University.

According to Dr. Joseph Moore, MU provost, this is not a new item on anyone's agenda.

"Late last spring, I was asked to come up with a set of suggested changes by the faculty," Moore said. "So, over the summer, I drew up a number of suggestions and presented the draft to the faculty as promised."

Moore said that this draft that he wrote up is not the actual proposal.

"This is only a list of my suggestions," Moore said. "The AAC is involved in discussion now about changes to that draft. This discussion should last about a year."

Moore added that, so far, there has been good response to the list.

"AAC has gotten about 20 to 25 written suggestions and concerns about this list," Moore said. "Only one final draft can be proposed so all of the suggestions are going to be taken into account. What will eventually get proposed will not be exactly like my list of suggestions. I'm not defending or pushing this list."

Moore said that, because of the

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* Delete: ENG 131 Composition II
* 9 credits of writing (W) courses, at least 3 at upper level
* Delete: 3 credits of HPE
* Add: 9 credits of information technology courses.
* Add: 3 credits, first year course

* All classes in acceptable majors acceptable for specialty blocks
* Delete: general education electives
* Addition of external learning, one of the three: study abroad, internship, or community service

graphic by Cusatis

Suggestions for Change in the Mansfield University General Education Requirements

Search for President Kelchner's replacement narrowed Committee reviews files of 70 applicants, cuts field to 18



file photo

President Kelchner

by Thomas A. Jones
wire editor

The Presidential Search Committee held its third meeting on the 24th of November. The purpose of the six-hour meeting was to narrow the field of candidates for the post of President of Mansfield University.

"The Search committee reviewed the files of 70 active candidates," said Scott A. Miller of the MU Public Relations department.

According to a release by the Public Relations Department the members of the committee have been most conscientious in reviewing carefully the files of 70 active candidates.

The Presidential Search Committee is being headed by Mr. Louis Lee, Chairperson of the Council of Trustees.

Lee indicated that the committee was very pleased about the over-all quality of the pool of candidates, and selecting a smaller number for further consideration at the last meeting was not an easy task. At this time 18 individuals have been identified for further consideration with the possibility of a few additions to this pool.

"It's going quite well," said Lee. "We are very pleased with the Committee's approach to the process."

The Committee is planning to meet on Dec. 15, and at that time they plan to select approximately eight leading finalists, following the reports of telephone reference checks on the semi-finalist group now being conducted by members of the committee.

Lee said that these telephone interviews with persons who have been associated with the

candidates are designed to help us learn as much as possible about the candidates related to the needs of Mansfield University.

"We're looking to do what's best for Mansfield University," Lee said.

By mid-January, the committee hopes to inform the Council of Trustees and the campus community of the dates that the finalist candidates will visit the campus.

"It will be after the semester when the finalists come to campus," Miller said.

At that point, Lee suggested, many others in the university community can become helpful partners to the search committee in our recruitment ef-

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Annual Kwanzaa celebration to feature student talents

by Gene Yager
editor in chief

On Friday, December fifth, Mansfield University's interpretation of Kwanzaa, an annual African American celebration of culture will take place in North Dining Hall.

According to the Afro-American almanac, the name Kwanzaa comes from the word Kwanza, from the East African language of kiswahili, and means "the first", or "the fruits of the harvest." The additional "a" sets the African-American word from the African Kwanza.

Founded in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, a black studies professor, Kwanzaa originated as an expression of the nationalistic "US" organization, headed by Dr. Karenga.

There are seven fundamental principles of Kwanzaa, entitled "Nguzo Saba", and they include the following-

*Umoja- Unity
*Kujichagulia- Self determination
*Ujima- Collective works and responsibility
*Ujamaa- Cooperative economics

*Nia- Purpose
*Kuumba- Creativity
*Imani- Faith

Each day of Kwanzaa is devoted to one of the aforementioned principles. A table is prepared with the holiday's symbols. The table's contents include the following symbolic items-

*Mazao- Fruits and vegetables
*Mkeka- A placemat
*Kinara- A seven branched candlestick
*Mishumaasaba- 7 candles
*Muhindi- Ears of corn
*Kikombe Cha Umoja- A chalice
*Zawadi- Gifts

Each night of Kwanzaa begins with the asking of the question "Habari gani?" which translates to "What's the news?" The answer is the principle of the day. The lighting of one of the seven candles and the pouring of libation follows the question.

Mansfield University's Kwanzaa celebration will feature students talents. Anyone who would like a ticket to the celebration is encouraged to call (717) 662-4381 for ticket information.



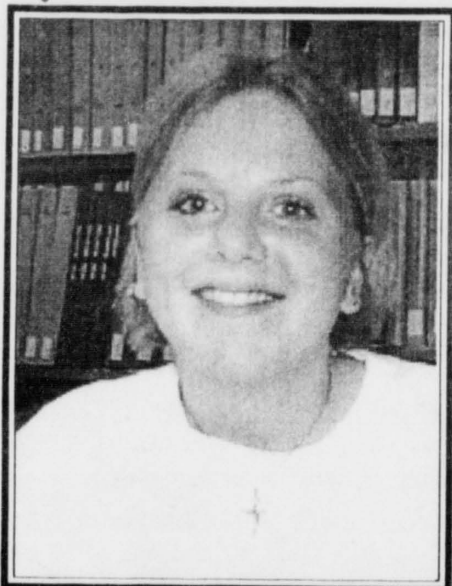
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above is a stamp commemorating Kwanzaa

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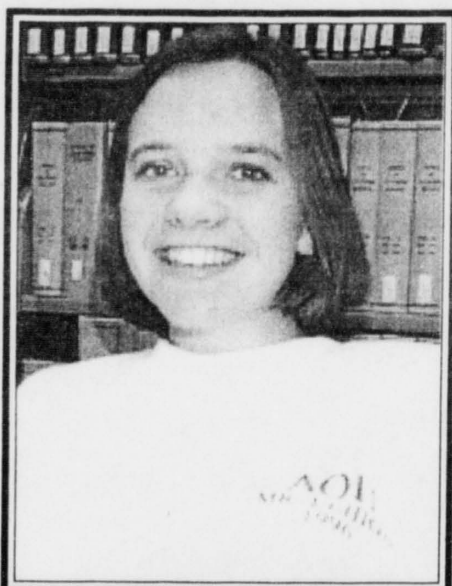
"How do you plan on coping with finals stress?"

by Brent McCallus



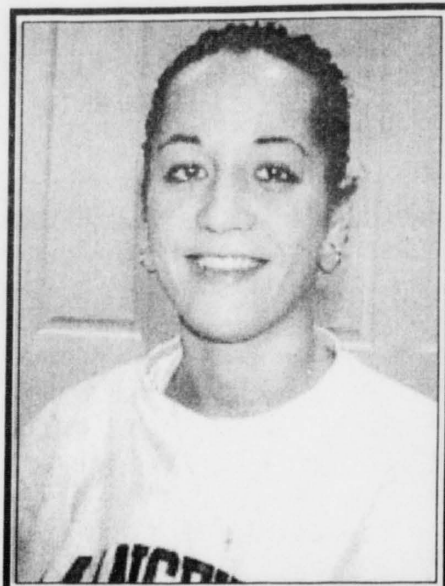
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"Coffee, racquetball, and the Rosie O'Donnell show."



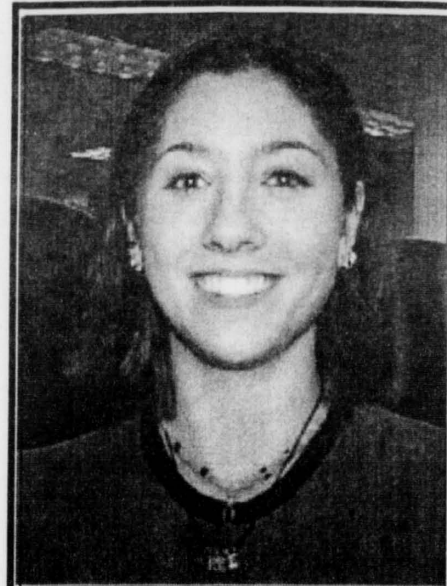
Jennifer Manning
Senior

"Sleeping, exercising, and eating."



Cheryl Farabaugh
Senior

"I like to sleep."



Bree Flammini
Freshman

"I don't get stressed out by finals."

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forts.

"We're working together very well as a team," said Lee.

Lee said that he is most grateful for the excellent work of the members of the search committee and Marlene Herbst, the effective Executive Secretary.

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discussions period, the final proposal, if approved, would not go into effect for quite awhile.

"We're going to discuss this through '98 and it probably would not go into effect until '99," Moore said. "We want to do a thorough job."

Moore added that this discussion is not limited to faculty and administration only.

"Any concerns are fair because there's a lot of pros and cons to this list,"

Moore said. "This is a lot more complicated than many people think. There are far reaching implications to this."

According to Rod Kelchner, MU president, he doesn't want to create any hasty opinions about this list of suggestions.

"I hesitate to prejudge this matter," Kelchner said. "It would complicate the objectivity that I need to have when this eventual proposal was to cross my desk for approval. Because of this, I can't condone or condemn any of the ideas in the proposal."

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Student organization of the week:

Mansfield Activities Council hoping for pro wrestling, live bands and more members

Lisa Carpenter
staff reporter

Editor's note: Last week's organizational profile incorrectly reported that Kappa Alpha Psi was the last black fraternity at Mansfield University. Phi Beta Sigma is also an African American fraternity at MU.

Mansfield Activities Council (M.A.C.) is among the most influential organizations on campus. It is their job to plan many of the major events which take place on campus in conjunction with the student activities office.

In the past they have organized events such as lectures, movies, musi-

cal acts, and comedy shows. This semester they brought the Extreme Air Machine, the Wyclef Jean concert, and just recently, a Christmas musical called "A Mall In The Night Visitors".

Because M.A.C. is the primary programming organization on campus, it is a good means by which students can have a say in what goes on here, and they will be looking for new members next semester.

This semester, M.A.C. had difficulty filling all of its board positions and had to recruit members in order to have a sufficient amount of participants.

"We went through a change of the guard this semester when some members left the organization. Then we had to deal with trying to bring back up the contingent," Eddy Gorman, the Coffee-

house Chairman, explained.

A new member of M.A.C. would immediately be able to participate in the process of choosing talent and bringing them here.

Some of the programs that are in the works now that students could help out with are a Valentines program with a live band and dancing, events scheduled for the weekend that students return from break which will include laser tag and "fun flicks" (cheesy movies), a showing of Titanic the movie and the forum accompanying it, and a wrestling program featuring Superfly Snooka and King Kong Bundy.

"The wrestling isn't WWF," said Gorman, "but it's what we can afford."

Involvement in M.A.C. can be very exciting and could give you a

chance to express your own opinions. New members will be able to promote their ideas, help to bring diversity and entertainment to campus, and learn how real life situations work in the area of arranging and executing events.

"You get to learn about agents and all of the Hollywood stuff you see in 'Jerry McGuire' and you have a direct impact on ideas we will vote on," Gorman said.

If you are interested in joining M.A.C. there are a few membership requirements. You need to attend a minimum of three general meetings which are held on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in 204 Memorial Hall and assist with four events. For more information on M.A.C. you can call their office at 662-4985.

EMTA shuttle service refines schedule for Spring semester

Krissy Dennis
features editor

The new Endless Mountain Transportation Authority shuttle service will offer Mansfield University students transportation to the downtown area as well as day trips to the Arnot mall.

The service will be funded next semester by the Committee on Finance, who have allocated to them \$4000, said COF member Michelle Hosey. According to Hosey the service is in demand on campus.

"The ridership was growing,"

said Hosey.

The decision to fund the EMTA was based on a survey conducted by the All Residence Hall Council and the COF, said Steve Winnie, member of COF.

"The students were surveyed and we did it based on student opinion," said Winnie.

According to COF the time sheet that students use to sign up for trips to the mall are always filled. The shuttle will benefit students throughout the semester.

"The shuttle could run all year round and give students more service," said Hosey.

Steve Winnie agreed that the shuttle service will expand options to MU students.

"It will provide a greater service to the students. Weekend trips and trips downtown will provide a broader service," said Winnie.

According to Hosey, the EMTA was the only service of its kind available to MU.

"This is the only one (service) in this area," said Hosey.

According to Michael LeMasters, director of residence life, the EMTA has agreed to afternoon and night safety service and have thrown the d / sched-

ule for free. The EMTA will collect fees up until 7 pm and after that all rides are free, said LeMasters.

EMTA has also provided three kiosks, which will be installed by the university next semester, said LeMasters.

According to LeMasters, if any student has questions or worries about the service they should let the Hall Council know.

"If someone has a concern they can talk to someone in the Hall Council or someone else who can send the feedback to the ARHC," said LeMasters.



photo by McCallus

Pictured above from left to right: Front row: Brent McCallus, Joe Wagner. Back row: Joey West, Josh Cusatis, Gene Yager, Krissy Dennis, Darren A. Meehan, Thomas A. Jones. Buried behind Dennis: Fawnya York. Staff not shown: Nicole Accardi, Lisa Carpenter, Angie Collins, Katie Evans, Jason Feather and Megan Sallade. Dennis and McCallus will graduate this semester from Mansfield University and faithfully served the Flashlight during their MU career. The entire staff would like to thank them and wish them the best of luck. We'll all miss you!

Press Release: The Mansfield University Music Department will present its annual holiday concerts featuring "Holiday Music From the Americas" on Friday and Saturday, December 5th and 6th, 1997 at 7:30 pm in Steadman Theatre. More than 130 musicians from the university and the community will participate under the direction of Peggy Dettwiler, Director of Choral Activities. Members of the Concert Choir and Festival Chorus will join forces in various combinations, including music for mixed, women's, and men's voices from North, Central and South America "Navidad Nuestra" by Argentinian composer Ariel Ramirez and "Carols and Lullabies from the Southwest" by Conrad Susa. The groups will be accompanied by a wide variety of instruments such as marimba, organ, guitar, bongo, drums, harpsichord and brass. The evening performances include carol singing with audience participation. Tickets are available at the Music Department office for \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and children. MU students are admitted free with ID card. For reservations, call 662-4710.

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World News Review

Reverend Louis Farrakhan prepares for world tour

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan prepared for a world tour that includes Iraq, the State Department noted Monday that U.S. citizens are barred from travel to that country with only a few exceptions.

The exceptions are for journalists, workers for the American Red Cross, or for travel granted for humanitarian considerations or "national interest" considerations, spokesman James P. Rubin said.

Repeating a statement made Sunday by U.N. Ambassador Bill Richardson, Rubin said the administration believes that a visit to Iraq by Farrakhan "is not particularly helpful" because of current tension between the two countries.

Travel restrictions also apply for sev-

eral other countries on Farrakhan's itinerary, including Iran, North Korea and Cuba. Rubin noted that the restrictions differ from country to country.

Rubin said aides to Farrakhan made inquiries on Monday by telephone about the restrictions. Arrangements were being made for a meeting to discuss the issue, he added. Farrakhan was due to leave Monday on a 52-nation "friendship tour."

After Farrakhan visited Iraq and other countries in early 1996, immigration officials said he had a "normal admission" back to the United States, suggesting he did not make illegal use of his passport.

US military commander threatens Iraq with force

WASHINGTON (AP) — If America must strike against Iraq, it will be "far more than a pinprick," the U.S. military commander in the region predicted Wednesday, claiming the support of Persian Gulf allies in the debate over using force against Saddam Hussein.

"No more pinpricks," said Gen. Anthony Zinni, the head of the U.S. Central Command. "If there is a requirement to respond, we ought to do it in a serious way."

During the crisis over inspection of weapons sites in recent weeks, some of the allies from the Persian Gulf War have sounded reluctant to return to anything like a war footing.

"We do not support any military action against Iraq," the foreign minister of Kuwait, which was invaded by Iraq in 1990, said two weeks ago.

But Zinni said he was repeating supportive comments he had heard from the Gulf allies.

The four-star Marine general spoke "No more pinpricks,"

Gen. Anthony Zinni

with reporters at the Pentagon, discussing his recent meetings with leaders in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Bahrain, nations where some of the 30,000 U.S. forces and 300 warplanes in the area are located.

Officials question US policy toward Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — The administration of President George Bush likened Saddam Hussein to Adolf Hitler. President Bill Clinton's officials portrays the Iraqi president as irrational and deceptive.

But now, as the latest U.S.-Iraqi crisis appears to have eased, some Middle East experts question whether the United States gains anything by painting Saddam as a villain.

The policy has its downsides, they say: it isolates the United States among its allies who don't share the same loathing for Saddam; it makes it politically difficult for any U.S. administration to consider lifting sanctions on Iraq so long as Saddam is in power, and therefore limits U.S. options; and it plays into the Iraqi strategy of pointing to the United States as an international bully.

"The biggest problem with the U.S. policy is that every day Saddam survives turns into a victory for him," said Richard Haass, a foreign policy specialist at the Brookings Institution and former senior national security aide to Bush.

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"Demonization and highlighting the demon tends to play into his hands and make him look like someone who can stand up to the United States."

Retired Marine Corps Gen. Bernard Trainor, coauthor of a book on the Gulf War, said the U.S. rhetoric against Saddam began as part of an effort to win support for deploying troops to the conflict.

"The American people focus on villains. We demonize Hitler, Tojo, Mussolini. We have to have somebody to embody the cause," Trainor said.

The vilification of Saddam has gone through three phases, Trainor said. Before and during the Gulf War, U.S. officials spoke of Saddam as a mad, irrational leader. Bush compared Saddam to Hitler and called him, "this brutal man." In a diary entry during the Gulf War, Bush wrote, "Hope to see the madman (Saddam) is gone."

The second phase was of Saddam as an incompetent and stupid military leader for taking on the United States in

the Gulf.

Trainor says U.S. leaders are only beginning to come to grips with the third phase in how Saddam is perceived in the United States.

"The guy is very shrewd. He's still around. He's got complete control of his country," Trainor said. "He's managed to take the focus off his violation of the U.N. resolutions and put the focus on the sanctions and paint the United States as the bully."

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Former CIA Director John Deutch found out how dangerous it is to articulate that idea. As CIA chief, he testified last year that Saddam's incursion into northern Iraq against U.S.-backed Kurds had left Saddam in a stronger position. Weeks later, Deutch found himself out of the running to become secretary of defense. Later he acknowledged hearing complaints from administration officials about his testimony.

The CIA was hardly soft on Iraq. Saddam's military move against his Kurdish population in 1996 broke up a CIA covert operation designed to generate indigenous opposition to Saddam, and, perhaps, spark a coup. This wasn't the first U.S. attempt to topple the Iraqi leader.

During the Gulf War, according to an official Air Force account, U.S. strike planners intentionally targeted headquarters, command bunkers and palaces in hopes of killing Saddam. At one point, analysts realized through TV footage that Saddam spent some time moving about in a Winnebago mobile home. For a time, U.S. warplanes conducted a hunt for a Winnebago.

The White House is giving no sign of softening. Clinton said of Saddam, "What he has just done is to ensure that the sanctions will be there 'til the end of time, or as long as he lasts."

Former top Clinton adviser George Stephanopoulos openly advocated assassinating Saddam. On ABC's "This Week" program two weeks ago, commentator Sam Donaldson vehemently disagreed.

68% of MTV pollees finds separate but equal acceptable

WASHINGTON — A growing percentage of American young people see nothing wrong with the races keeping to themselves as long as they are not discriminated against, according to a poll released Wednesday by MTV, the youth-oriented cable network.

The poll found that 54% of young people characterize race relations as "good," compared with 42% in 1991. But young people seem increasingly accepting of the "separate but equal" concept for America.

In 1991, 41% of youth said it was "OK" if the races are basically separate from one another in our country as long as

everyone has equal opportunities." That figure rose to 68% in the 1997 survey.

The percentage of those who disagree with the separate but equal philosophy fell from 57% in 1991 to 31% Thursday.

"What young people are saying in this poll, and what our audience tells us, is that there is still much work to be done," said Judy McGrath, MTV President. "This is no time for complacency."

The poll, conducted from Sept. 17-30 by GarinHartYang Research, sampled more than 750 people ages 15-24. The margin of error is plus or minus 4 percentage points.

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Collegiate news

World Wide Web allows college students easy access to papers

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — The deadline is a few short days away.

The assignment: a 10-page paper analyzing the roots of the Weimar Republic's failure. So far, the computer screen is blank.

After weeks of procrastinating, what can an enterprising student do? Grab a credit card, log onto the Internet and download a sample essay from a "cybercheating" site. Turn it in as original work.

Evil House of Cheat" (www.cheathouse.com) is perhaps the largest online "term paper mill,"

Welcome to the Information Age; please have your 15-digit credit card number handy.

Web sites abound to serve the needs of harried students. An Alta Vista search with the keywords "essay" and "cheat" brings up thousands of matches. Additional searches on a specific paper topic call up dozens of related sites.

"We are aware of (cybercheating), but we have not had a case as yet of a student buying a paper online," said Freida Kulish, program manager of the GW Academic Integrity Council.

Kulish said faculty members conduct independent investigations of students who are suspected of cheating and then

bring the charges before the Academic Integrity Council.

During the 1996-'97 academic year, seven hearings were held on cheating accusations. Twenty-three other cases were handled by faculty members.

Punishment for cheating can be any measure the faculty member chooses, from failing the student to expulsion, Kulish said.

There haven't been any (cases of cybercheating) this year, but there have been suspensions," she said.

But with the number of sites on the Web, professors are hard-pressed to catch cybercheaters.

Political science Professor Michael Sodaro assigns a 10-page paper on the Weimar Republic each semester in his "Introduction to Comparative Politics" course, but said he has no idea how successful he is at catching cybercheaters. He said he does not anticipate much cybercheating in his undergraduate course since he changes the format of his essay questions each semester.

In his smaller graduate class, he said he knows his students well enough to recognize their work.

Though GW has seen no reported cases of cybercheating, the ease of finding papers online makes it a temptation as finals approach.

A Web search for the phrase "Weimar Republic" brings up several hundred

matching sites. One link brings up the "Weimar History Web Site," which was created by 16-year-old Matthew Ashby, an Australian eleventh-grader.

The site, which contains a vast supply of historical information on the short-lived Weimar Republic, was developed by Ashby as a "non-written" project for his modern history course.

Anyone is welcome to use my site as a reference for their assignments, and I welcome their feedback," Ashby said in an e-mail.

Ashby's site has received more than 100 "hits" since September.

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40 categories.

But "House of Cheat" papers come with a price. For \$9.95, students can purchase a password that allows unlimited searches for up to a year.

The site also lists tips for cheating on in-class exams without getting caught. Throughout the site, users are reminded that papers downloaded from the site should be used only for research and as study guides.

Free Speech rights are at risk in court

(U-WIRE) LEXINGTON, Ky.

If a Nov. 14 ruling by a state federal judge stands, college and university administrators may censor student yearbooks and newspapers without violating First Amendment rights.

The ruling came down in the case involving Kentucky State University administrators, who denied the student yearbook staff the right to publish its 1993-94 yearbook, *The Thorobred*.

Judge Joseph Hood cited the U.S. Supreme Court's 1968 ruling on the *Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier* as the basis for ruling in favor of the KSU administration. If Hood's ruling stands, it will also mark the first time the *Hazelwood* case has been applied to college media, according to officials at the Student Press Law Center in Arlington, Va.

Attorney Bruce Orwin, who represents the former adviser, Laura Cullen, said Hood ruled that Cullen "didn't have standing to bring claims on behalf of students," Orwin said. Orwin filed a separate action in fall of 1995 on behalf of KSU student Charles Kincaid and the yearbook editor at the time, Capri Coffey.

For administrators at KSU, stopping publication of the yearbook was an issue of quality.

Cornell University facing water contamination

(U-WIRE) ITHACA, N.Y. —

Cornellians thirsty for a glass of tap water have no choice but to wait for notification that it is safe to drink. A fuel-oil spill from an industrial plant into Fall Creek early yesterday morning contaminated Cornell's water distribution system, according to University health and safety officials. The University has warned campus residents not to use water for drinking or cooking until further notice.

The affected areas include the campus region lying between Cascadilla and Fall Creek gorges. The alert is also in effect for all of North Campus, Cascadilla Hall and Sheldon Court in Collegetown, as well as the Forest Home and Cornell Heights neighborhoods.

"We are working as rapidly as we can to restore normal water service," said Harold D. Craft, vice president for fa-

"We're doing everything we can under the circumstances,"
Stewart

cilities and campus services.

Andy Garcia-Rivera, director of environmental health and safety, said reports of a fuel smell in the drinking water and tests of water samples yesterday morning confirmed Cornell's water distribution system was adversely affected.

Water samples revealed low concentrations of hydrocarbons in the parts-per-billion range. Such a low level of contamination does not pose any known health threat, making it safe to bathe or clean with the water, Garcia-Rivera said.

However, because the toxicological properties of fuel-oil are not fully known,

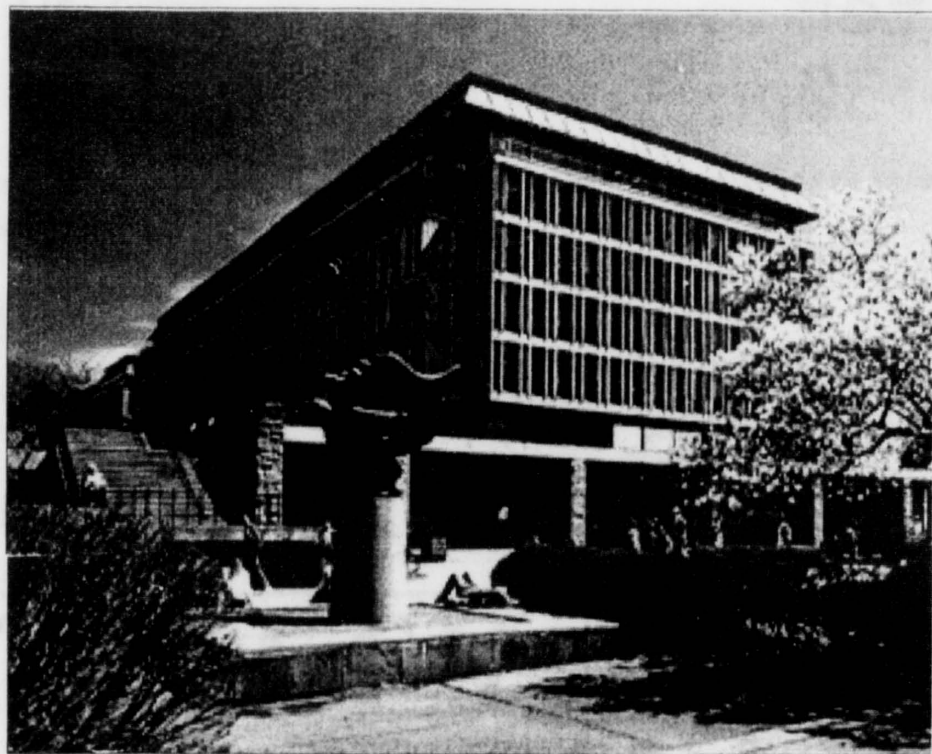


Photo provided by Cornell university

Cornell University, where the students are not permitted to drink contaminated water

Garcia-Rivera recommended avoiding ingestion of the water.

Delivery Accident

Between 1:30 and 2:30 a.m. yesterday morning, the Saunders Concrete plant in Etna — located five miles upstream from Cornell — received a 10,000-gallon delivery of fuel oil, according to Lt. Charles Yaekel of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. While workers placed the fuel into a fill pipe, air came up through the filter, causing 3,000 gallons of fuel to be spilled into the surrounding containment areas.

Later yesterday morning, a member of the Cornell community noticed fuel in

Fall Creek's waters, Yaekel said. At this point the University was alerted, and notified the DEC.

After measuring the amount of fuel recovered at Saunders, the DEC discovered that about 1,000 gallons were unaccounted for. Since then, the DEC has monitored where the fuel has gone and is currently trying to determine if it will cause environmental problems, Yaekel said.

The DEC observed no damage around Fall Creek as of last night, he said, explaining the DEC did not find any dead fish as a result of the spill. However, some oil has seeped into Beebe Lake from Fall Creek.

Saunders did not contact the University about the spill or its possible environmental consequences, according to Garcia-Rivera. "We found out on our own," he noted.

"In situations of a spill, usually there is quick notification," Garcia-Rivera said, estimating the University lost close to eight hours of possible response time. Representative from Saunders could not be reached for comment last night.

Restoring the Supply Crews from facilities and campus services have been working to flush the current water supply, Craft said. The water will be dumped into the Ithaca Water Treatment Sewage Plant on Route 13, according to David I. Stewart, director of community relations.

After the contaminated water is flushed from the system, the Bolton Point Water Plant on Cayuga Lake will supply clean water to Cornell's water filtration plant, Stewart said.

The flushing process cannot be done all at once, so some areas of campus may be restored more quickly than others. "We're doing everything we can under the circumstances," Stewart said.

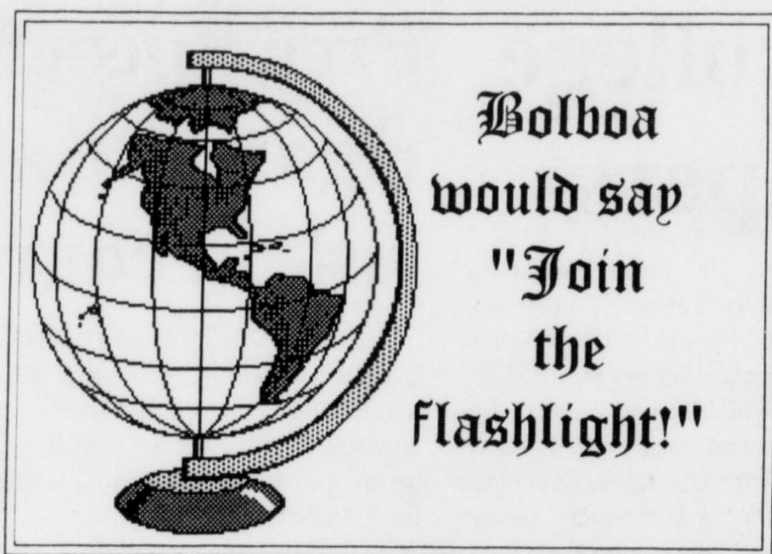
The University will bring new water samples taken this morning to a Syracuse lab. Once University health and safety officials are convinced the water quality is acceptable, they will lift the drinking-cooking ban.

Garcia-Rivera said results from this morning's sample may be available by noon today.

Inconvenience

Around campus, students described how the drinking water alert affected their routines.

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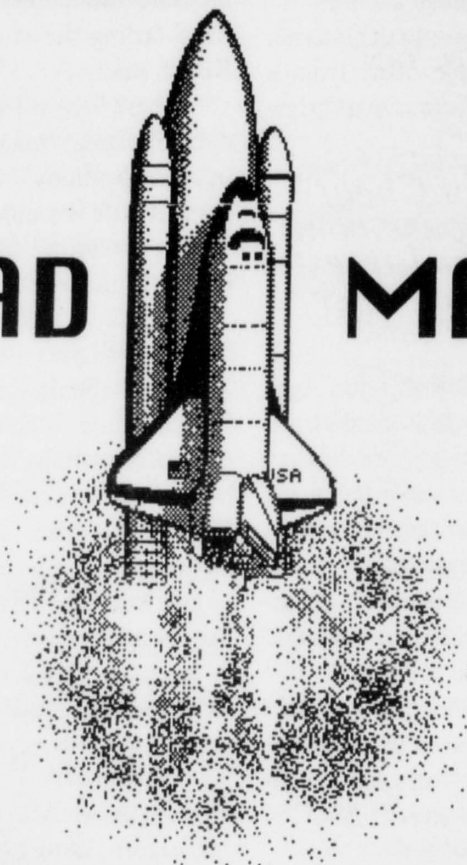
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Mansfield University to make right choice for student academics

Currently, the faculty, administration and Academic Affairs Committee are discussing possible changes in the general education requirements which every student must fulfill in order to graduate. We at the Flashlight say, Hoorah!

A list of possible changes has been written up to use as a starting ground for discussion as to what the actual changes will be if any are going to be made. Some of the changes mentioned in it are for the better are some may be for worse.

One of the first things mentioned in the suggestion is the deletion of ENG 313 Composition II. We feel that this would lead to a slow disintegration of the English department and that this department would no longer exist at Mansfield University. Not only would less students be involved in the department (even if not by choice) but if this program were to be dropped without any concern then where would this end? Would more ENG classes be dropped from joined until no more were required?

Health education is slated to be completely deleted from the joined requirements under this suggestion. We completely believe in this. Why college students should have to take a gym class at such a late stage in their lives is beyond us. By the time a person reaches college, he or she is already set in their exercise habits. To believe that this is not true, or that someone in college could be changed is ridiculous.

Next is the distribution of classes and the different blocks such as Humanities, Social Sciences, Foreign Language, etc. Currently, from the majors that will fall into these blocks, only 100 and 200 level classes will be accepted. Under this suggestion, all classes, 100 to 400 level, would be accepted to fulfill these requirements. Anything that expands the possibilities of a person's formal education can only be positive. This would open up the possibilities of taking many more different classes for students that are not in that major.

To cap it all off, there is the proposal of the addition of External Learning to the joined requirements. This would consist of a student taking one of the following options: study abroad (min: 6 cr.), internship (min: 6cr.) and community service learning (100 hours). This sounds too much like the university is trying to get more money out of the student body by requiring major things such as studying abroad and internships. What is community service supposed to teach students. Where is the academic worth in an act as such as this? We understand that an alternative to the other two possibilities is necessary but couldn't a better suggestion be made? Why not delete this altogether?

We feel that it is a good step that discussion is going to be allowed over this decision because it is such an important one. It is also good that this period of discussion is supposed to last for a year. The longer that is allowed for revisions to be made, the better the product is bound to be.

Commentary Policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary may turn it in to the *Flashlight* office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writers name, major, class, and phone number. Non-students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

Letters to the Editor Policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we?

In order to perserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The *Flashlight* reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the *Flashlight* office, 217 Memorial Hall, Monday through Friday, or mailed to the above address.

Commentary

Bitch, bitch, bitch... Is that all you can do?

Resident commentator ends the semester with a few more thoughts

Darren A. Meehan
managing editor

This will be the last issue of the Flashlight for the semester. As we wind down one of our more successful seasons of journalism at this newspaper, I have a few observations I have made and some that have been brought to my attention by faculty and students.

For starters, our students still don't realize the importance of their opinion. You will not get in trouble for stopping an administrator and telling them what you don't like about something they've done or even commending them on a job well done.

If you don't feel comfortable talking to them in person (let's be honest, some of them have the personality of an empty keg and seem to loom over you like a vulture waiting for you to expire), write them a letter. Whatever you do, just don't do nothing.

Our school is our school and we have a very important voice in it. I have learned this semester that students who take action often see results. Students

who curl up in a ball in their dorm room and light up until they can't see and then kill their buzz by bitching instead of doing something are the most miserable kind.

Many students on this campus do something to make it better for all of us. Whether it's playing sports, joining a fraternity or sorority, hosting a weekly

"For starters, our students still don't realize the importance of their opinion."

radio show or writing for the college newspaper, they are doing something. They might not be producing direct results, but they are doing something.

And if you don't want to play football or be a geek writing for the Flashlight, find another cause and spend some of your time advancing it. Or do something about it if you think your dorm room sucks. Call the All Residence Hall Council and complain. Tell them

exactly what you don't like and see what happens.

It has been my experience that many of the things I have commented about this semester have changed (although some other things will remain... for now) and those people I criticized, for the most part, respect my opinion and respect me for being forward about it.

Telling your roommate about the slimy bathroom or hearing from a friend of a friend about the complete lack of dependability of the campus channel movies does nothing to improve the situation.

Situations do not improve until the problem is brought to the table. President Clinton this week held a town hall meeting on racism. This forum didn't abolish racism, but it got the ball rolling again.

Whether it's racism or a newspaper replete with factual errors, nothing will change until someone tries to change it. We're working to build further on a steadily improving newspaper, what are you doing?

Are you blowing tubes and do-

ing nothing else? If you want to spend half your day finding "a bag", use the other half of the day improving the campus. The Flashlight neither condones nor condemns substance abuse. You're all grown up now and you have to make grown up decisions.

But as next semester ap-

"Are you blowing tubes and doing nothing else?"

proaches, decide that you will commit yourself to improving the campus. Join the campus ministry or join a sorority or fraternity. Get a radio show or visit the Student Affairs office and give Joe Maresco a piece of your mind. Hell, stop someone from MAC and tell them you like what they're doing.

President Kelchner told me yesterday that the students, faculty and administration are all traveling on the same road taking this University further. It would be nice to think that there will be a few students available to help give us a push when we need it.

Expect Congressional debate over restructuring of the Internal Revenue Service in 1998 tax agenda

Rob Wells

WASHINGTON (AP) — When it comes to the tax agenda for Congress in 1998, bank on one thing: Lawmakers will pick up where the Senate left off this year, arguing about the scope of restructuring the Internal Revenue Service.

Less clear, however, is other tax cut legislation and whether Republicans can muster the unity to begin work on fundamental overhaul of the tax system.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich said the House even may vote to abolish the complicated income tax code by 2001, clearing the way for a new, simplified system. "I think it's very likely we will be voting on that sometime next year," the Georgia Republican said as the House adjourned in November. The idea is backed by the National Federation of Independent Business, a powerful lobbying group that has launched a national petition drive.

The White House is another wild card. Aides say President Clinton would like to offer a tax-relief initiative in his State of the Union address, but details are still being discussed.

Amid speculation about the tax initiatives, the Senate Finance Committee plans to put its own imprint on IRS restructuring. Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., tried to push his bill through in the hectic week before the Senate adjourned in November, arguing that taxpayers deserved the service improvements the legislation sought to deliver.

But his effort failed because of objections by committee Chairman William V. Roth, R-Del., who refused to rush a bill he said suffered from "very, very serious weaknesses."

"The simple truth is that I am not willing to compromise on real reform," Roth said. For example, he wants a proposed IRS oversight board to have authority to examine audit and collection activities.

Meanwhile, Gingrich and other House leaders concluded the session by debating the scope of a tax cut for 1998, which would come on the heels of the \$152 billion tax cut Clinton signed into law in August.

High on the agenda are these tax items, none of them cheap:

— "Marriage penalty" tax: A House bill would eliminate the increased tax bill that some 21 million

newlyweds experienced in 1996. The penalty refers to the higher marginal tax rates that hit two-earner couples when they combine their previously separate incomes. The fix is expensive, costing the Treasury about \$18 billion in annual revenue.

— Alternative minimum tax: This was designed to make sure that rich individuals and big corporations paid at least some tax after deductions. But because the tax has not been indexed for inflation, it increasingly will affect the middle class — some 8.4 million taxpayers by 2007. The cost to fix this is estimated in the billions.

— Child care: Clinton has promised that expanding child care will be a top priority next year, with one option being an increase in the tax credit for child care expenses.

— Estate taxes: This tax on assets after death, which can range as high as 55 percent, has long been targeted by Republicans, but it also is gaining support from conservative Democrats. Abolishing the "death tax" is now a staple in Gingrich's stump speech on taxes: "We do not believe it's right for you to have to visit the IRS and the undertaker the same week."

The size of any tax cut will depend on the economy, the size of the budget deficit and whether Congress can muster the power to close loopholes.

"It's all nice to hear about these things, but it's all another thing to figure out a strategy to pay for them," said Rep. Robert Matsui, D-Calif., a senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

After a hiatus for most of the year, fundamental tax changes moved back to the GOP agenda and are expected to be a

major defining issue for the party with the midterm elections in November 1998.

In a bid to achieve consensus, Republicans held a series of debates last fall featuring flat-tax proponent Rep. Dick Armey, R-Texas, and Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., cheerleader for a national sales tax.

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., was not invited to the debates, but his proposal to give 70 percent of workers a flat tax rate of 10 percent has captured the attention of some prominent conservative economists.

As the 1997 congressional session wound to a close, Gephardt said he would support tax overhaul in 1998, so long as it "eliminates all the loopholes and gimmicks" that benefit the rich.

"We are willing to work with the Republicans to fairly renovate this system, but we will not roll over for a Republican campaign proposal masquerading as reform," he said.

R A P E!

The monsters aren't only under the bed.

Kreative Korner

Don't cry for me my dear Mansfieldians!!!

Krissy Dennis
freaked out editor

Time to leave my little play world. Time to act like I actually have a clue. Oh yes, it's graduation time. For those of you who know me you know that it is about time. I feel like I have been here forever. Indeed, the times they are a changin'. There's no need to complain about my rheumatism or the size of my walker. I have the old model, very much a pain in the ass.

Oh hell, there I go getting all misty eyed again. I had some pretty kick ass times here. Of course non of those times actually helped my grades, just the social life. I'm always pretty scared when no one can remember any of the events that I can. Most of the people I had the fun with are not here.

This in no way, shape or form, discounts the people I have been with more recently. People tend to get territorial when I sound like I am forgetting them. The short term memory just isn't all that sharp.

There are plenty of things that I have accomplished here at MU, but there are only a few things that have truly shaped my life. Making snow angels on the presidents lawn gave me the coordination and agility I will use throughout life. Giving the statue outside memorial a great big bear hug really taught me social interaction skills I will use to approach people in everyday settings. Working at the Flashlight has given me the attitude I would like to give back to ya right now.

You guessed it sweeties, I'm gonna lay into it. I have been waiting for just the right moment to go off. Here goes...

The lack of support for this organization (Flashlight) has driven me to the edge of sanity and I'm teetering right now. Don't get me wrong, I like a vast majority of the profs in the communications department, but we all know which ones need to go.

The level of maturity from some, okay just one in particular, is unbelievable. I was under the distinct impression that we were supposed to learn from these people not pass out pacifiers.

Anyway, I should probably not complain too much or the diploma police are gonna strip me of my only proof that I was here. I do have good things to say, I just can't think of them right now. I am working under tremendous pressure right now. My left leg is broken and a purple, satin car keeps chasing me.

It's off to the married life for me. Not right away though, I still have some wild oats to sow. No really, that should be a good time. I'll join the masses blinded by the patriarchy (semi joke). Go ahead, call me a feminist.

Speaking of which, there are still alot of women on this campus that need to be enlightened. Take a women's studies course for GOD's sake. Don't worry you won't reject men, or suddenly look like a "butch". But hey, what the hell is wrong with that??? To all of those antifeminists- crawl out from underneath your rocks and catch a clue. I hear "feminazi" again and I'm gonna FREAK OUT.

Next I need to get a job. I was thinking about sitting in the bathrooms in memorial and handing out paper towels for a quarter a piece, but some people don't like anyone to hear them take a number two.

Editor says goodbye to those Flashlight flunkies

Brent McCallus
photo editor

I was asked to write a farewell ditty by some of the editors. But I don't need to write my goodbyes because the people that I care enough about to say goodbye to are seated around me right now, all I have to do is turn my head smile and say goodbye and thank you. I direct this towards them not just because they are true friends but because I have the greatest respect for them. I say this not only because I have spent so much time working on the paper with them and partying with them but because I also have the deepest respect for them. I care only to say good bye, thank you and best of love and luck to them

because they are the few who have identity, intelligence and most importantly soul. All three of these, and more, great aspects that stand out in them and their lives and spirit I applaud not only because of the intrinsic nature of it but because of the lack of it anywhere else at this university. Sure there are other students that may possess some of these aspects, but no other group has taken the risk and shown it in such a powerful way as the people at the Flashlight whom I have the greatest respect and love for, and who I am proud to say are my friends. There is not much I would applaud or be proud about at this university. I'm not saying that Mansfield is a horrible place to be. I like and will miss a few aspects of Mansfield University when I leave. But there is not much that I can say that I am proud of. I am

proud to have been part of the Flashlight these past years, to have been part of a group of students who have worked hard at providing a service to the campus community. A group of students who have stood strong in their beliefs and ideals in the hope of calling people on fact, truth, and reality. A group who has always been there for the students when no one else had the strength or the balls to. We stand out and take a lot of shit because we, the Flashlight, operate at a university dominated by apathy. We have chose not to be apathetic because we care about the university and most of all we care about the students getting a fair deal. If caring for these things is wrong, then I don't want to be right. I have seen some crazy shit during my time here at Mansfield. I

have seen certain grownups act like the most vilest form of childish horse shit and have seen my peers act like the real adults. Youth who have yet to lose the passion for life that feeds the souls of the real people of this world. The people who fight for what is right, who stand up for what is good. Souls that continue to strive to learn more and love more about this world, that some of you at this university have given up on in the name of attempting to be a pseudo adult. To you I have one thing to say, "You have a lot to learn about people and about life." So I say goodbye to everyone at the Flashlight and to those who have a soul. You will always be an important part of my soul. Thank you Gene, Krissy, Darren, Thom, Josh, Fawnya and everyone involved with the spirit of the Flashlight. Stay Real.

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Carey and Donadi named Fall Athletes of the Year

Jason Feather
Sports Editor

On Wednesday evening the Mansfield University athletic department honored its fall student-athletes with a banquet reception for all the hard work and successes of this past season.

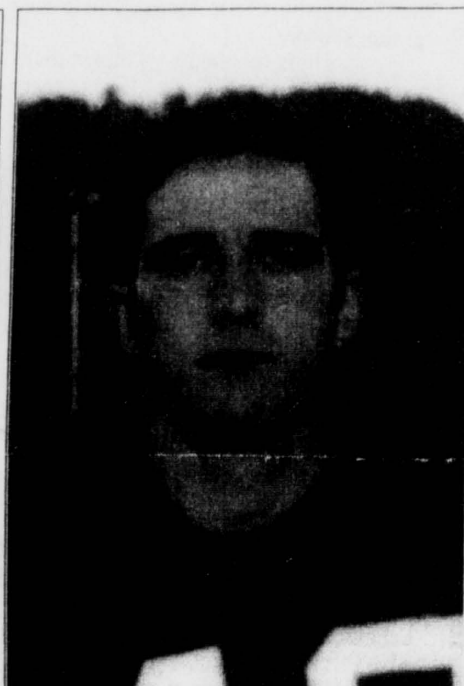
The announcement of the male and female Fall Athletes of the Year was made by athletic director Roger Maisner who also was the host of the festivities.

The female "Athlete of the Year" was junior field hockey player, and team co-captain, Tandy Carey.

Carey honored with this award because of the accomplishments she made this season. Carey helped to lead the Lady Mountaineers to the first winning season since 1984 with their 9-7 record.

She also set the school record for points in a season with the 24 she tallied on eight goals and eight assists while starting every game at midfielder for head coach Vickie Sax.

Carey was also named to the PSAC all-conference second team, Division II all-american second team and



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Field hockey player Tandy Carey and running back Jason Donadi were named the 1997 Fall Athletes of the Year by the University athletic department.

the Seniors All-Star game which was held at the University of Connecticut-Storrs campus.

Carey is scheduled to graduate in the spring with a degree in criminal justice administration.

The male "Athlete of the Year"

was Mountaineer running back Jason Donadi.

Donadi's season was cut short after he suffered a knee injury in the game against West Chester.

In his four years at Mansfield University, Donadi was able to do some

incredible things with the football.

He was among the leaders in the conference in rushing and total yards while averaging a little over 87-yards a game.

His 96-yard kickoff return for a touchdown was the second longest in school history.

In his three years as a running back for head coach Joe Viadella, Donadi amassed over 2,000-yards rushing while ranking second in school history for carries.

Donadi is expected to graduate with his degree in special education in the spring.

Before the conclusion of the evening, the field hockey team showed a dedication video to their former coach, Vickie Sax.

Sax left on October 31st to accept the head coach position at Division-I Colgate University.

The position left vacant by Sax has yet to be filled and the search process is well underway to find her successor.

Mountaineer men's basketball ends opening road trip on sour note with 1-3 mark; lose to Clarion

Jason Feather
Sports Editor

The Mansfield Mountaineers men's basketball team has had a rough time of it so far in the early parts of this season. The Mountaineers have dropped three of their first four games, all of which were on the road.

Hopefully the Mounties can change their misfortunes, as they return to Decker Gymnasium for the home opener of the 1997-98 campaign against defending Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference West Champion.

Through the early parts of this season the young Mounties have been led by sophomore point guard Tommy Harvey and junior forward Steve Shannon.

"I guess you could say that our youth and inexperience has led to some of the problems," Mountie head coach Tom Ackerman said. "I think that the schedule has definitely played a part in it, too, because we have played some tough teams."

In its first game against Lock Haven, the Mountaineers lost 90-87 despite Harvey's career- and game-high 34 points.

Mansfield then made a trip to Clarion for a rematch of last year's PSAC championship game.

Clarion's basketball team got a measure of revenge with a 78-73 decision over the Mountaineers.

The Mounties defeated the Golden Eagles 94-80 in the title game last year at Decker Gymnasium.

Harvey again led the way with a game-high 19 points while junior-transfers Tyson Pye and Shaud Broyles added eleven.

Red-shirt freshman Demontrick Doodles also contributed 11 points to the Mountaineers offense which shot only 39.4% from the field while Clarion connected on 49.1%.

The Golden Eagles' Marvin Wells led his team with 15 points and 19 rebounds.

Mansfield rebounded after dropping their first two games to defeat the Houghton College Highlanders 116-78 as senior Bryan Zarzedez scored a career-high 17 points.

Doodles scored 18 points and Harvey added 17 of his own as the Mounties had six players reach double figures in their first win of the season.

Shannon and Broyles each tallied 16 points, and Pye was able to score 12 as the Mountaineers showed signs of

last year's high octane up tempo style offense.

The Mountaineers ran into a road block in their last stop on the road trip falling to Westminster College 101-72 this past Tuesday evening.

Mansfield scored just one field goal over the first 7:23 of the game in trailing 18-4 and could draw no closer than 20-13 with 10:58 remaining in the first half.

The Mountaineers shot a dismal 33% (9-27) in the first half while Westminster hit on 20 of their 32 attempts from the floor.

Harvey once again led the way for the Mountaineers scoring a game-high 17 points while grabbing five boards, dishing out five assists and picking up four steals.

Doodles added 15 points and Shannon 11 for the Mountaineers.

Kevin Dill led four Westminster players in double figures with 16 points.

"I'm definitely disappointed with where we stand at this point with a 1-3 record," said Ackerman. "We've identified the situations that we need to do a little bit better, and I certainly think that we're capable of making all the appropriate changes to become a better basketball team."

Mountaineers swim to first win of season

Jason Feather
Sports Editor

The Mansfield University women's swim team earned their first victory of the season with a 106-89 decision of the King's College Monarchs.

Danita Pokorny got her first win as the Mansfield Mountaineers head coach. The Mounties improved to 1-4 on the season.

Sophomore Jamie Ragukonis broke the school record in the 500 free event with a first place finish and time of 5:51.58.

The record was originally a 16-year old mark previously shattered by the *Flashlight's* Athlete of the Week freshman Candace Cipolla a week ago. Ragukonis' time surpassed Cipolla's by a little more than three seconds.

The relay team of Cipolla, Katrina Cibula, April Hart and Ragukonis almost swiped their own record in the 200 medley relay, but lost it, and the heat, due to a disqualification.

Cipolla, Cibula and Ragukonis each placed first in two events on the evening against the Monarchs.

The Lady Mountaineers will travel to Youngstown, Ohio this weekend for competition in the Youngstown University Invitational. Conference-mate Clarion University will also be in attendance as the Mounties look to continue their improvements.

The Mountaineer swimmers will be off after the Youngstown Invitational until after break when they host King's College again on Saturday, January 17th at 1:00pm in Decker Gymnasium.

The Mountaineers will then travel to Alfred University the following Saturday.

Anyone interested in writing sports for the Flashlight, contact the Sports Editor, Jason Feather at x5677, or come to the first meeting next semester. Look for signs!!!

Final farewell from former sports editor Joe

Joe Wagner

The Old Sports Editor Guy

In my last official written piece of work for the Flashlight sports department, I have just one statement: GO BIRDS!

The Philadelphia Eagles have resurged in the past three weeks, mostly in the last two, under the quarterbacking of second year man Bobby Hoying. The former Ohio State signal caller has been brilliant compared to the previous Philadelphia QB's. Hoying hit 41 of 73 pass attempts in the last two weeks including five touchdown passes and one interception.

And now, in my last sports piece for the Flashlight, I have one last question for one Ray Rhodes: WHY NOT FOUR WEEKS AGO?

His reason was that he did not want to put Hoying into the starting lineup until Philadelphia was out of the playoff picture. Well shit, what is the use of not putting somebody better in until it's too late to do anything about it. With Hoying at the helm, and with some lucky breaks, the Birds have moved from second worst to second best and just maybe earned a playoff berth.

True, the Eagles had the highest rated offense in the NFL before Hoying's start in the Pittsburgh game. But they had one of the NFL's poorest scoring records. The Eagles have scored less points than any other team in the NFC East except for the hapless Arizona Cardinals. It seems like Rhodes would have seen that there was just one little thing missing in his offense—a quarterback that could score points!

Ty Detmer and Rodney Peete are underdogs. They have this big huge heart that drives their mediocre arms. But when it comes right down to talent, no matter how much I like the two backups turned starters, they will be beaten by teams with signal calling stars like Steve Young, John Elway and Troy Aikman.

Hoying has talent as well as youth. He has been in five games for the Eagles this year, but he truly began his season in the San Francisco game when he replaced the tag-team quarterback tandem of Ty Detmer and Rodney Peete. The Birds lost that game 24-12. In their next game, Hoying's first NFL start, the Eagles tied the Baltimore Ravens. Hoying's performance was better than either of the other two quarterbacks, but he did not get a lot of help from the rest of the team. He especially did not get any assistance from his offensive line that was more like a spaghetti strainer. Hoying was sacked nine times in his starting debut.

Two weeks ago, Hoying started against the very respectable Pittsburgh Steelers. He was 15 of 31 for 246 yards. He also tossed two touchdown balls, the first to tight end Jason Dunn and the second to veteran wide receiver Irving Fryar.

Hoying was not the only thing that got better for the Birds. The defense, usually 20th in the league against the rush, put a stop to "The Bus" and settled their hash with "Slash." Jerome Bettis managed just 80 yards and Kordell Stewart scrambled just three times for under 30 yards.

Hoying improved last week in the Eagles 42-40 win over the Bengals for 313 yards. He was 26-42 with four touchdowns in the marathon game. He also led a scoring drive in the last minute of the game to put the Eagle's in field goal position. This was the first contest of the year that Philadelphia, the only team not to, scored more than 24 points. The rest of the team picked up the slack as well. Remarkably the special teams grew a set of cajoneys on kickoff and punt coverage. The last ranked cover teams did not allow a return of over 17 yards.

This week the Eagles take on the floundering first place New York football Giants. If the Eagles beat the 6-5-1 Giants, who opened the back door for the Birds when they tied with the second place Redskins, they will move into a first place tie for the NFC East.

The Eagles are actually four point favorites over the Giants. And, Philadelphia is almost unbeatable at home this year, as they were last year, with home victories over Green Bay and Dallas. Danny Kannell has also been a big fat question mark for the 1-2-1 Giants in the past four weeks. The G-men will probably get Rodney Hampton back this week. But that might be just as well for the Eagles as Charles Way and Tiki Barber tore the Bird's run defense up in the first game of the season.

If Bobby Hoying passes like he has, and if Irving Fryar has a good game, and if Ricky Watters is solid running between the tackles the Eagles should come away with a win and a first place tie for the NFC East. That is a lot of "ifs" but in the past three weeks everything has gone the right way for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Mountie grapplers compete in first dual meet and two tourneys

Jason Feather
Sports Editor

The Mansfield University Mountaineers wrestling team kicked off their dual meet season with Division III national powerhouse Lycoming College.

Lycoming used falls in the 118 lbs. and 177 lbs. weight classes to pull out a 24-12 win over Mansfield.

Lycoming, won the NCAA Division III Dual National Championship last year, causing concern for the Mounties.

Bart Gonzalez, Joel Brinker,

Jason Worden and Charlie Tuttle earned wins for the Mountaineers who fell to 0-1 on the season.

In the Oneonta Invitational, four Mountaineer grapplers made it to the medal round with Charlie Tuttle winning the 190 lb. weight class championship sweeping three straight from his competition.

Kris Kearns (150) took second place while Jim Sternick placed fifth at 134 lbs.

Heavyweight Tim Tuttle was forced to settle for sixth place after injuring his shoulder in the medal round match-up.

Flashlight's Athlete of the Week



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Freshman swimmer Candace Cipolla has been elected the *Flashlight* Player of the Week for her outstanding performance.

Jason Feather
Sports Editor

The Flashlight's Athlete of the Week for the final time of this semester is freshman swimmer Candace Cipolla.

Cipolla has broken five records so far this season, including the 500 free event record that was 16-years old, but has since been bettered by teammate Jamie Ragukonis.

Cipolla has broken the 200 back, 100 fly, 200 fly and 200 individual medley records, and has teamed up with Ragukonis, Katrina Cibula and April Hart to shatter the two medley relay marks.

Cipolla and her Mountaineer teammates are in Youngstown, Ohio this weekend for the Youngstown Invitational.

Mountie women hoopsters find the early going rough, drop first five games

Jason Feather
Sports Editor

When Coach Luke Ruppel took over the Mansfield University women's basketball program a few short months ago, his intentions were to do the same things that he had done with the other programs he inherited, make them into winners.

In order to do this, Ruppel has had to bring discipline to his undersized team, and instill in them a belief in themselves.

Through the first five games of this 1997-98 campaign the Lady Mountaineers have made many good strides of improvement, and look to be headed on the right path.

Although they are still without a win, the Lady Mounties are playing with a renewed intensity due to Coach Ruppel's system and his belief in his players.

In their game with West Virginia Wesleyan, the Mountaineers dropped an 83-66 decision despite Jill Masker's 17 points and career-high eight assists.

WV Wesleyan's Julie Fregetto and Shannon Soares combined to score 25 points to lead the way.

Senior point guard Cheryl Farabaugh contributed 13 points and five assists while junior forward Tracey Moser pulled down 11 boards and scored

eight points.

The Lady Mounties ventured down to Lock Haven University for a non-conference game with the Bald Eagles.

Masker scored a game-high 20 points and Moser added 14 points to go along with 13 rebounds, but it wasn't enough as the Lady Mounties fell to the Bald Eagles 76-52.

Lock Haven had a 43-29 lead at the half shooting 55% from the floor. The Mountaineers rallied to close the gap to 49-42 on a jumper by Moser with 13:36 to play.

Lock Haven rejuvenated themselves down the stretch to put the game away as they forced the Mountaineers into 16 second half turnovers (28 total).

The road trip continued to wreck havoc for the Mounties as Anne Fells scored 22 points to lead Houghton College to an 88-55 win over the scrappy Mansfield team last Saturday night.

The Highlanders built a comfortable and commanding 55-22 half-time lead and held Mansfield to just 37.9% shooting from the floor in improving to 2-1 on the season.

Masker continued her consistency on offense tallying 17 points while Moser added seven points to the Mounties cause.

The Lady Mountaineers ended their long and unpleasant road trip with the 0-5 record, and now come home to Decker Gymnasium for their opener against those very same Lock Haven Bald Eagles on December 13th.

How do you spell relief? We'll teach you how

Community, administration offer over-stressed students chances to relax, kick back, and take their weary minds off finals week pains

Darren A. Meehan
managing editor

About six years ago during finals week, Deb Casey walked into her campus ministry office and found two "huge guys" sitting on the floor playing with building blocks.

According to Casey, one of the many people spending next week making finals week a little more tolerable for students at Mansfield University, the two were trying to break the stress of finals week.

For many students, the coming week of testing will feel like the end of the world. The assignments and exams build into an insurmountable pile and the light at the end of the tunnel is blocked by a big, fat 12 page paper.

When it all seems too great to accomplish, Casey says take a break.

"Try not to panic," she said. "One of the best things you can do for stress is take a break."

And when students decide it is time to cut away from the books, Casey and Laurie Grab invite them into their office for games, coloring, snacks or massages.

"The office is open if people want to get out of their rooms and just breathe or play games. We have cray-

ons, coloring books, building blocks, puzzles and stuffed toys," she said. "We have a coffee pot and candy and we also give back rubs for five minutes."

Along with the services and mind resting entertainment provided by the campus ministry, students living in the dormitories will also find snacks available throughout the week. The cookies and other snacks do not, however, come from the University.

"There are people in the local church congregations who want to help. In the lobby of every dorm we will have a cookie break," she said. "Students are free to come down and grab a handful of cookies. For the most part, students are amazed that anyone in the town knows they're here."

Michael LeMasters, Director of Residence Life, said the finals week programs are structured for students to come and go without conflict. He added that resident assistants are also not required to volunteer their time.

"We have a lot of students who pain and simply don't want to be bothered," he said. "We don't ask RAs to help because they have finals, too. A lot of us rely on student help and that source you don't want to call on in this time; you don't want to have a conflict."

It is also at this time that students temper's shorten.

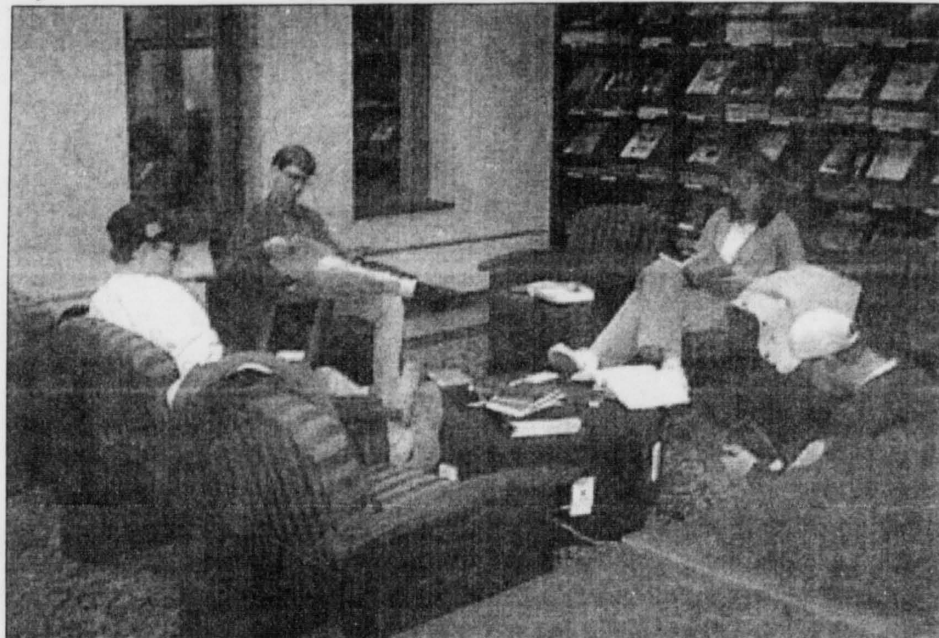


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Many students find it easier to study for finals with other people from their classes. It can keep your mind on what you're doing and is more relaxing than studying by yourself.

"Students tend to be less tolerant of other students because it's make or break time," he said.

LeMasters recalled an experimental stress reliever he referred to as "The Loud Hour".

"About five years ago, we tried something called the 'Loud Hour'. We allowed everybody to yell and scream for a half an hour or an hour," He said. "It was a noble experiment but three people got upset because they were studying and one student had a night job."

LeMasters noted that the time of the screaming session interfered with the student's irregular sleep habits.

For students who need silence while they study, the ARHC institutes a 24 hour quiet period, aka Morgue Hours, through finals week. And LeMasters adds that students who feel that those who want silence should go to the library should remember that the library fills quickly during this time period.

When preparing for finals, students must also recognize their limitations. President Rod Kelchner urges students to face their stress and confront it.

"The best way to relieve stress is to recognize you're under stress. Some people don't understand they need to do something to relieve stress," he said. "They don't understand they have a problem so they drink or fight."

Kelchner also said that he thought stress was a personal shortcoming. "I thought stress was a sign of weakness."

Although there are many ways to relieve stress, Kelchner also noted that stress relief is a personal habit.

"It's very individual. What works for you won't work for me," Kelchner said. "For some people, it's taking a nap. For others, it's shooting hoops."

Aside from taking a break during studying, Kelchner, LeMasters and Casey agree that the best defense is a good offense.

"Do it incrementally," Kelchner said. "If you do it incrementally, you have a plan. If you have a plan, your

chances for success are enhanced."

LeMasters agreed, saying, "you have to plan your schedule accordingly."

LeMasters added that the big picture can seem intimidating to some students.

"Students allow the sum total of the whole week to get to them," he said. "Take one thing at a time. Don't get so overwhelmed by everything that is out there."

Casey advises students to use this exercise: 15 minutes before you go into an exam, shut the books and relax. Do the best you can and realize that it's not that big a deal.

Laurie Grab, who shares the Campus Ministry Office with Casey, advises students to put things into perspective.

"Know that you will get through it," Grab said. "Keep things in perspective. If you don't get the 'A', it's not the end of the world."

Snacks will be available in every dormitory lobby and are free to residents.

The Campus Ministry Office, which is located in room 120 Pinecrest, will be open Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 4 pm with extended night hours on some evenings. Along with the games and other activities in the Campus Ministry Office, Grab will also show some traditional holiday movies. For more information, call either Grab or Casey at 662-4431.

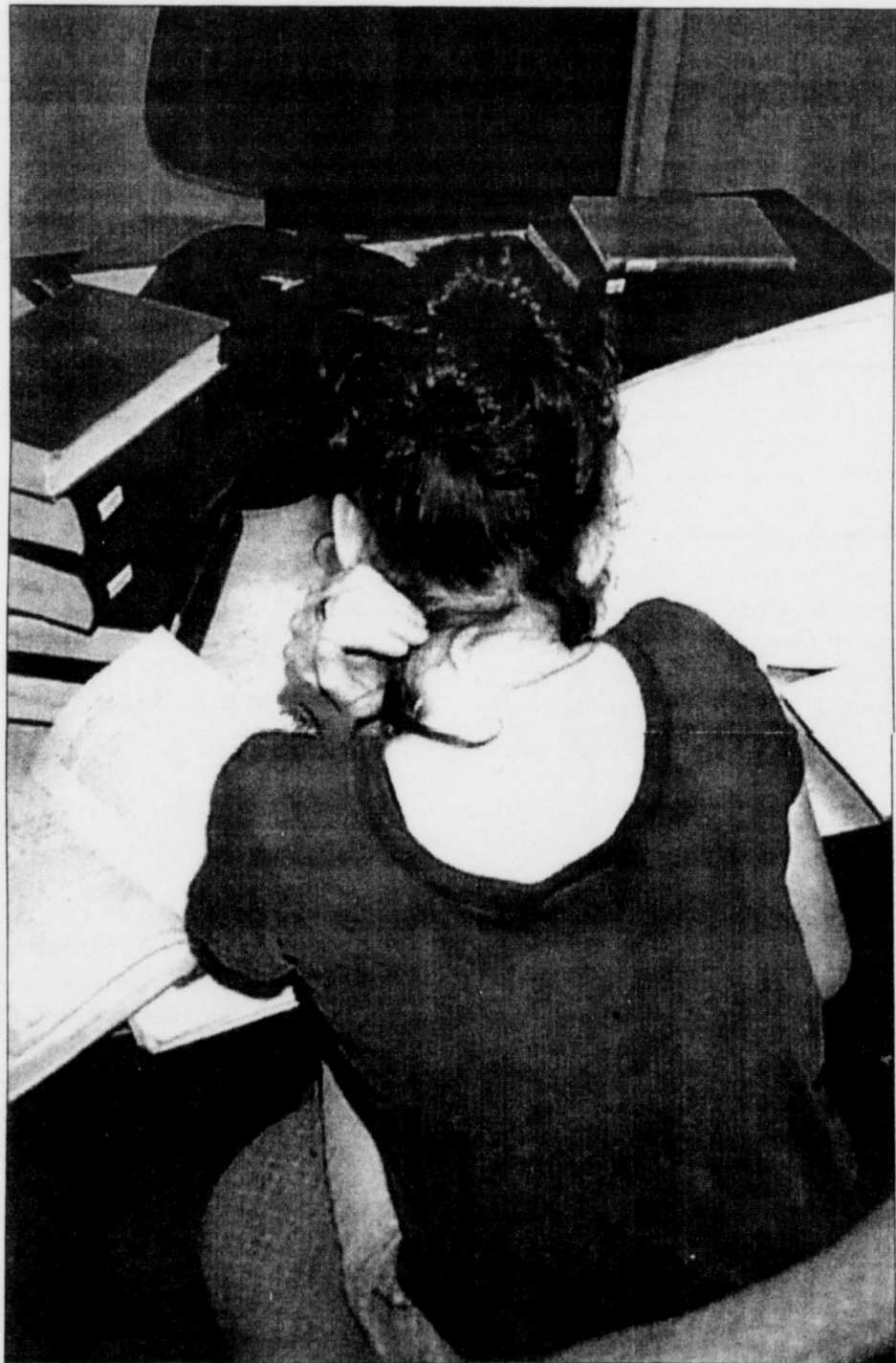


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Finals week can be the most stressful period of the semester for many students. Keep your head and pace yourself. Don't put things off until the last minute either.

***It was a bitchin' semester!
We'll be back in January to tell you what holiday is next!
Don't drink too much egg nog!***